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Earthquakes rumble region

Beirutis inspect damage from an earthquake yesterday that could be felt in Lebanon, Israel and Syria. Story, Page 12.

Ross to press Arafat on terror

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and HILLEL KUTTLER

US special Mideast cnvoy Dennis Ross is arriving today on an urgent mission to try to prevail on Israel and the Palestinians to exercise maximal restraint and avert the eruption of violence on Sunday's Land Day.

Police prepare for Land Day protests, Page 2

President Bill Clinton said be had dispatched Ross to the region, because I'm concerned about the peace process. We have been talking among ourselves here intensely over the last several days about whether there are some ideas we ought to advance with the Israelis and the Palestinians, and particularly what we can do to minimize the violence and to get the negotiations back going.

Ross, who this morning will be meeting Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Rabat.



Dennis Ross.

Morocco, on his way to Israel, is expected to demand from him firm steps demonstrating his unequivocal objection to terrorism. The visit will be Ross's first

since he brokered the Hebron eccord in mid-January.

A US official stressed the importance of both Israel and the Palestinians making the utmost effort to control the situation and act with maximum restraint on Land Day. He spoke of "lowering the rhetoric," decreasing the tension, and finding ways to reestablish the partnership.

Ross will make it clear to Arafat that he must take "demonstrable and observable" steps against terrorism, and "reverse the perceived signal for violence. Nothing will be achieved unless the PA takes back that green light," the official said.

He stressed that terrorism is totally unacceptable and cannot be a factor in the negotiations. The US has told Arafat that it is disappointed that, at a time of such stress, he is traveling elsewhere, when he should be here, he added.

He said he expects Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to discuss his proposal to go straight to permanent settlement talks with Ross, while the Palestinians will raise future redeployment.

Only after Ross returns to Washington and briefs Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and other senior officials

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Riots continue in territories

By JON IMMANUEL

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change.

Palestinian students tried to storm Israeli checkpoints outside Ramallah yesterday, following more violence in Bethlehem and Hebron, where almost daily protests bave erupted near IDF checkpoints since last Friday.

The riot developed quickly and lasted for almost two bours. Palestinian sources reported 22 people were injured, mostly by

rubber builets and tear gas.
In Bethlehem, the Palestinian Police quickly dispersed rioters who had burned an Israeli and an American flag. A protester shouting through a bullhorn said, "We will continue the struggle to stop the Judaizing of Jerusalem.

Preventive Security Chief Jibril Rajoub was on hand in Bethlehem, calling on police to separate the

protesters and declaring he was ready and able to stop violence. However, in an interview with the daily Ayyum newspaper, Rajoub

from politics, despite the Palestinian Authority's efforts."

is responsible for the situation." street protests was echoed in the Palestinian Legislative Council

Arafat: US not backing me,

be stopped. Everybody says said, "Security cannot be separated

General security chief Amin Hindi also said, in an interview in *Hayar al-Jadida*, that "security is influenced by politics" and that "the Netanyahu government The anti-American feeling in

Israel against the condemnation of the world by its vetoes in the UN Security Council and its lone support of Israel in the General Assembly. Council speaker Ahmed Qurie, the chief Oslo negotiator, said

the problem is not limited to Har Homa alone. "We want an American guarantce that settlements should

there is no way to go to an agreement if settlements continue," Qurie said. Quric blamed Netanyahu for "creating the problem by his statements, which were a shot

fired at the peace process, that the Oslo agreement allows him to continue settlements. This is a

The Fatah Higher Council, which supports the PA, but bas yesterday. Speaker after speaker the ear of the street and includes accused the US of protecting members of the

Legislative Council, voted this week to continue demonstrations in coordination with Hamas supporters, culminating on Sunday, Land Day.

Meanwhile in Qatar, Faisal Husseini, the top PLO official in Jerusalem, said yesterday that Arab states should sever links with Israel to force it to move forward on the peace process

with the Palestinians. "Israel must understand all its relations with the Arab and outside world are directly connected to the peace process and the situation in Jerusalem, Husseini told Reuter.

Margot Dudkevilch adds: Last night a Japanese tourist was wounded when stones were thrown at a tourist bus near El-Jib outside Ramallah. A firebomb was thrown at an IDF jeep in the Ramallah area; there were no injuries or damage.

PM: No talks until PA combats terror

By STEVE RODAN and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, saying he will oppose a Palestinian state in final-status negotiations, warned Palestinian Anthority Chairman Yasser Arafat last night that be must fight Islamic terrorism before Israel agrees to resume negotiations with the PA.

"Anyone who wants to be accorded respect and legitimacy must fight terrorism," said Netanybau, addressing the new International Policy Institute for Counterterrorism in Herzliya. The Palestinians must fight against terrorism in order to return to the negotiating table."

On another issue, Netanyahu expressed concern over Iran's rearmament effort, saying, "We are con-vinced that Iran is developing missiles to reach Israel, then Europe, and then the US. If they achieve this, everybody's in danger."

Top IDF commanders told Defense Minister

Yitzhak Mordechai that the PA bas so far not taken any steps to curb terror, making this assessment during a three-bour meeting last night on the security situation and preparations leading up to Land Day

on Sunday.

Mordechai told the forum that the high alcrt and expanded deployment of all security forces would continue and that the tight closure on Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip would not be lifted for now.

Mordechai ordered all IDF personnel and security officials to demand in all their meetings with PA officials that they crack down hard on terror if they want progress in the peace process.

The IDF, meanwhile, reportedly instructed residents of Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria not to allow Palestinian laborers into their settlements from Friday until Monday, out of fear of attacks prior to Land Day. The IDF Spokesman, however, would not comment on the report.

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Ethiopian leaders lash IDF after third suicide in month

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and Itim

"Every morning when I get to the base, six soldiers are waiting for me who clap their hands and yell: 'The kushi [black man] is here," Alene Tamene, 22, an Ethiopian immigrant from "He told ber. I'm having trou-Ashkelon serving in the army, told ble in the army," Mula said yeshis niece on Sunday, a day before he committed snicide.

Tamene was the second Ethiopian-born soldier to commit suicide within the past 10 days, and the third in the past month. He was to complete his service in less than three months.

Molla Belay took his own life on March 14, after an army psychiatrist dismissed his pleas to be released because he felt "under pressure," following an incident in which Belay was publicly harangued by his superiors. Soldier Avraham Gideon of Beersheba committed snicide about a month ago.

When Tamene complained to his commander about the name-calling, he was told: "What's the matter don't you know you're a kushi? What are you complaining



about?" according to Shlomo Mula, secretary of the United Ethiopian Jewish Organization.

After he gave his niece a gift for her hirthday last Sunday, she asked Tamene what his army service was like.

terday. Mula said Tamene told her of his daily denigration by his comrades and his commander's refusal to intervene. "Then he told her. 'I'm going to kill the commander and commit suicide," " Mula said. The IDF is still investi-

gating the incident. This is terrible, I can't believe this could happen. Every week we go to funerals," Mula said, of the recent series of suicides among Ethiopian soldiers. He noted that Ethiopian immigrants make up just 0.4% of IDF soldiers, but comprise 10% of suicides inside the IDF.

Mula explained that in Belay's case, the soldier had worked as a cook, and was asked to prepare three crates of sandwiches for soldiers from the base. When he saw that he lacked enough kitchen staff, he enlisted the help of some other soldiers. Then, the base doctor, who had stopped in to do a midnight sanitation check in the kitchen, yelled at him to throw out the sandwiches, since using sol-

diers to prepare them violated

sanitation codes.

Belay then got some other kitchen workers and worked through the early morning hours to get the sandwiches ready in time. Later he complained of the shakes, and demanded some time off the base, but a psychiatrist he was sent to in Beersheba ruled he

"was faking," according to Muia. "I don't understand how this psychiatrist made this determination after a half hour with him," Mula, himself a social worker and a reserve lieutenant.

Mula also denied that Belay, wbo lived at the Hafetz Haim caravan site, committed suicide because of economic or social problems, or a general inability to acclimate to army life. "He has a brother in a hesder yeshiva right now," Mula said, "and is one of eight brothers, four of whom were in the army. This wasn't a family that was unfamiliar with

the army." Mula added that what needs to be examined is just how Belay was spoken to by the doctor.

"The army isn't insensitive,"
Mula said, "but the problem is with the lower-level commanders." Mula said he recommended that the army ban the use of the word kushi by anyone doing army

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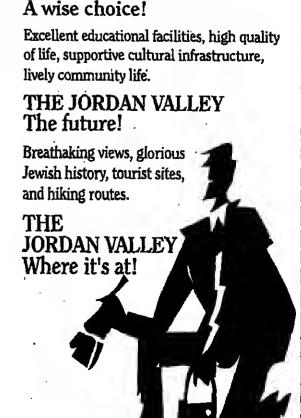
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Federman acquitted on weapons charge

Former Kach spokesman Noam Federman was acquitted yesterday by Jerusalem Magistrate's Court of charges of endangering human life by carrying a knife. He was arrested during a demonstration against then-premier Shimon Peres five years ago, and police found a knife in his pocket,

Police Cmdr. Avi Cohen, who testified for the defense, said that Federman needed the knife for self-defense, as his life had been threatened hy Palestinian extremists. Judge Shulamit Dotan agreed, found Federman innocent, and ordered the knife returned to him.



Noam Federman

Hefetz: Bar-On investigation complete

"The Bar-On investigation has been completed, but the police has not yet made a recommendation on indictments," Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said last night on Channel 1's Conference Call. "It is possible there will be a need for some supplementary investigation or testimony, but that depends on the conclusions and judgments of the State Attorney's Office and the police on the material compiled."

He also said that, despite pressures from various sources, "It is necessary to give the general public a report on an investigation that lasted two months, and such a report will be forthcoming."

Terrorist's trial postponed

The trial of Hamas terrorist Hassan Salameh on charges he planned last year's No. 18 hus and Ashkelon junction bombings was postponed yesterday until April 7. At the trial's opening in Beit El Military Court, Salameh was not represented by a lawyer and said he has no interest in obtaining one.

The court ordered a lawyer appointed for him and the indictment translated into Arabic, and said that even if he rejects counsel, the trial would resume on schedule.

lvry panel watches simulated chopper crash

The Ivry Commission of Inquiry into the February 4 helicopter crash which killed 73 servicemen yesterday examined a simulated collision of the two CH-53 choppers produced by a NASA lab in California. It showed the flight paths, the point of collision, and what happened afterwards, Defense Ministry officials said.

The commission also discussed the technical condition of the helicopters and it was decided that an opinion from an external expert is necessary. It also examined various suggestions from the public on how to prevent aircraft collisions. The session was attended by Brig.-Gen. (res.) Amatzia Chen, who represents the families of the fallen. Arieh O'Sullivan

Gov't won't petition court over Dotan's release

The state will not petition the High Court of Justice over a military parole board's decision to release embezzler Rami Dotan, because there are already four petitions before the court on the issue, Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein said yesterday. President Ezer Weizman last week asked Ruhinstein to peti-

tion the court, because of the gravity of Dotan's crimes. Dotan, a former brigadier-general who skimmed more than \$10 million off military contracts, is due to be released next month after serving only half his 13-year sentence.

Batsheva Tsur

Mordechai postpones US trip

Due to the tense security situation, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai has postponed and shortened his long-scheduled trip to the US, where he is to meet for the first time with US Secretary of Defense William Cohen. Mordechai was to have met with Cohen today as part of a 10-day visit, hnt will now go on April 1 and return five days later.

Meanwhile, Vice Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joseph Ralston arrived Tuesday as a guest of Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i, Ralston is expected to discuss the US military maneuvers held periodically in Israel, Arich O'Sullivan terrorism, and joint maneuvers.

Three men sentenced for domestic violence

A Tel Aviv man was sentenced to six months' suspended by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday, after be pled guilty to severely beating his wife and battering her head against a wall. The man, 48, was also ordered to pay his wife, who has since divorced him, NIS 2,000 compensation.

In Tel Aviv District Court, however, a Holon man was sentenced to a three years in prison and four years' suspended for assaulting his 10-year-old son and eight-year-old daughter, as > well as beating his wife.

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Rahel Greenberg sentenced a 27-year old man convicted of beating his wife and threatening to kill her to 200 hours of community service. Raine Marcus

Health Ministry warns against salmon product

The Health Ministry yesterday warned the public not to eat a product called "smoked salmon filet medallion," produced by the Veroni company in Migdal Ha'emek, marked with the production date 18/2/97. Inspectors found listeria bacteria in this product and have prohibited the company from marketing products that underwent a cold-smoking process. Veroni has also been ordered to recall all such packages.

The ministry also prohibited the Tzuriel Brothers Dairy in Lower Galilee from manufacturing dairy products until further notice, but has allowed the Klil Bagalil Dairy to resume production after shortcomings in pasteurization.

NIS 200m. allocated for senior immigrants

The government plans to allocate NIS 200 million to find housing solutions for elderly immigrants in 1997, the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee was told yesterday. A Housing Ministry official said the funding would provide 3,300 housing solutions for elderly immigrants, compared to just 400

Committee chairman MK Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) said the decision was "an achievement." However, she noted this was just "the up of the iceberg," since 45,000 elderly immigrants receive rental subsidies and need permanent housing solutions. Arveh Dean Cohen

Weaker high schoolers may increase workload

High school pupils currently taking a relatively light course load will be given an opportunity to take on a more challenging workload and earn additional matriculation points, under a new plan being offered by the Education Ministry.

According to Education Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell, the pupils will sign a "contract" with the school, establishing a trial period in which they prove their ability to study at the level requested, by meeting standards agreed on by the two sides. Acceptance to the program will require an examination. Aryeh Dean Cohen

No winner in NIS 12m. Lotto draw

No one succeeded in guessing all the numbers in Tuesday's Lotto drawing for a NIS 12 million prize, Mifal Hapayis announced yesterday. Nine people succeeded in guessing five of the six numbers and the additional number. They each won NIS

Israeli Arabs won't delay Land Day

Rallies planned in Negev, Galilee, triangle and Jaffa

By DAVID RUDGE

Israeli Arab leaders yesterday rejected a call to postpone activities planned for Land Day on Sunday, because of the tense situation.

The call was made in a direct appeal to the Forum of Arab Council Heads by Adi Eldar, chairman of the Union of Local Authorities.

"We received a letter from Adi Eldar urging us to cancel our programs for Land Day, because radicals in the Arab sector could take advantage of the situation," said Abed Inbitawi, spokesman for the Arab leadership's monitoring committee.

We obviously totally reject this call. We know how to express our stance in a legitimate and cultured way, without any disturbances.

We decide on the matter and not Adi Eldar." Leaflets have been distributed throughout the Arab community calling on the public to take part in the general strike declared by the Arab leadership on Land Day and to insure

that activities pass quietly.

A mass rally is planned in Rahat in the Negev, along with smaller parades and rallies in Sakhnin in the Galilee, Umm al-Fahm in the Triangle, and Jaffa.

It will be the first time that a rally is to be held in Jaffa as part of Land Day activities, and the first time for many years that the leadership has called a general strike on the day.

The decision was taken by the monitoring committee, which includes council heads and MKs, at a meeting two weeks ago to protest

against what participants described as the government's "settlement policies" and the ongoing expropriation of Arab-owned land.

Organizers plan to plant olive tree saplings on land near Umm al-Fahm and in the Negev, which they claim has been earmarked by the government for expropriation.

Land Day commemorates a 1976 protest against land expropriation which turned into violent clashes between demonstrators and security forces. Six Israeli Arabs were killed and dozens of others, including police officers, were wounded.

Inbitawi stressed that there are no plans for disturbances on Land Day, although he criticized what he described as provocative statements by government officials and public fig-

ures.

Inflammatory statements have been made which recall the 1960s and 1970s, which are which recall the 1960s are the public that we are warning and frightening the public that we are planning riots, which is not the case, said.

The activities are like virtually every year, parades and demonstrations against the expropriation of land, against policies which discriminate against the Arab sector, for full rights and equality, and for the continuation of the peace process.

"We are, however, calling on the police nor to interfere and enter towns and villages, especially those where parades and demonstrations are taking place, because every time this hap-pens it has a provocative effect," he added.

Police brace for potential riots

By RAINE MARCUS and LIAT COLLINS

Police brass will convene this evening to discuss security arrangements for this Sunday's Land Day, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday, during a tour of Kikar

Rabin to mark Police Day.

"It is not inconceivable that there will be violence on Land Day and police will do everything possible to prevent clashes and incidents," he said.

Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz said that police countrywide will be on full alert before and during Land Day.
"We will beef up forces, if nec-

essary to the maximum capacity," Hefetz said yesterday.

"We will not agree to violent rioting, public disturbances, the hlocking of main highways and streets, or attempts to harm security forces at Land Day demonstrations and processions," he

He called on Israeli Arabs to show restraint and to act within the law. District police chiefs are negotiating with local council heads to help ensure that events run smoothly.

Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Shlomo Aharonishky said city police would be on high alert in Jaffa on Sunday.

Speaking on Army Radio yesterday, Hefetz said that if Palestinian Authority security forces did not stop violent rioting in the territo-ries it is possible that Israeli forces would step in to areas under Palestinian control and put an end to clashes.

At the Knesset, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav called on Israeli Arabs "not to exploit Land Day to incite against the state." Katsav was answering a motion to the agenda hy MK Abdul Malik Dahamshe (Democratic Arab Party).

Katsav, who is the minister responsible for Arah affairs, rejected Dahamshe's linking of social and welfare needs in the Arab sector with the peace process and other issues.

Dahamshe also called on the police and security forces not to get involved in Land Day activities and "not to take provocative



Clashes continue

Palestinian youths hurl and sling rocks at IDF soldiers stationed near Rachel's Tomb yesterday, as clashes over construction at Har Homa continued.

Worshipers return to Joseph's Tomb

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The IDF opened Joseph's Tomb to worshipers yesterday morning, after OC Judea and Samaria Maj.-Gen. Gahi Ophir met with Palestinian Police commanders from Nablus late Tuesday night and stressed that they cannot prevent worshipers from entering the

According to Eli Rosenfeld, director of the Od Yosef Hai Yeshiva at Joseph's Tomh, the IDF informed them on Tuesday that it agreed to allow a small number of yeshiva students to return. However, when the bns arrived at the entrance to Nahlus, Palestinian policemen prevented the students from continuing. The hus was forced to leave, and a group of yeshiva students and IDF troops remained.

According to Rosenfeld, tem-pers flared, but late Tuesday night an agreement was reached between the Palestinians and the

Α Central spokesman said that Ophir and the Palestinian Police agreed that, due to the sensitive circumstances, coordination between Palestinians and the IDF must be maintained. He added that the Palestinian Police cannot prevent worshipers from entering Nahlus to reach Joseph's Tomb unless the situation has been previously discussed by IDF commanders and the Palestinians.

Rosenfeld said that along with the yeshiva's 70 students who returned to their studies, 20 to 30 people visited Joseph's Tomh yesterday.

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Arafat accuses US of failing to support him

Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat complained administration is not supporting him fully, even ... US officials said in Washington. though President Bill Clinton "personally understands our position in the Middle East for several days while he was peace process.

He was also quoted as charging that "the Jewish lobby is working hard to jeopardize the

Arafat, in Bangladesh to attend its silver jubilee celebrations, was interviewed by the

tracked down the Palestinian leader in Dhaka

Daily Star newspaper on Tuesday.
US Secretary of State Madeleine Alhright

to meet her envoy, Dennis Ross, to try to end in an interview published yesterday that the US - the impasse in Palestinian-Israeli negotiations, The administration had failed to reach Arafat

for several days while he was traveling in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. In the interview, Arafat was quoted as criti-

cizing the US for vetoing the recent UN resolution condemning Har Homa.

Middle East as long as the problem of Jerusalem remains unresolved," Arafat was

quoted as saying. Alleging a conspiracy to disrupt the peace ately."

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) - Palestinian and persuaded him to return to the Middle East process, he urged Israel to honor its peace accord with the Palestinians.

"Israel must realize that there can be no durable peace in the Middle East unless the agreement reached between us is implemented fully," he was quoted as saying. "We are not asking for the moon, but only for what has been agreed upon. The present crisis is the most serious one facing the Palestinian people tion condemning Har Homa. in the recent past," Arafat said. "Israel must be "There can be no permanent peace in the pressured into honoring the peace agreement which was signed in the presence of President Clinton." The crisis, he warned, "will have its ramifications globally if not resolved immedi-

PA head pulls pistol at Sri Lankan banquet

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat surprised his hosts at a state banquet by pulling out his pistol after a guest wondered if be still walks around armed.

While chatting with President Chandrika Kumaratunga at a banquet in Arafat's honor, a leader of a former Tamil rebel group jocularly asked the Palestinian leader: "Do you still carry a pistol as you did when you went to the UN?" Kumaratunga, apparently embarrassed, told the politician, Dharmalingam Siddharthan: "He is now the president of Palestine. He need not carry a pistol," The Midweek A grinning Arafat proved her wrong. He pulled out a pistol and

showed it to them, the weekly reported.

Siddharthan confirmed the newspaper report, though the president's office refused to comment.

Porush: No room in capital

By LIAT COLLINS

Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush (United Torah Judaism) said yesterday there is almost no land left in Jerusalem on which to huild. Porush was addressing the Jerusalem Forum, a parliamentary caucus co-chaired by MK Ophir Pines (Labor) and MK Ruhy Rivlin (Likud).

Porush said Har Homa is planned to include 6,500 housing units and there are still no plans

CORRECTION The photo caption on Page 4 of yesterday's paper mistakenly identified Mickey and Shani Winter, the husband and haby daughter of Tel Aviv bomb victim Anat Rosen-Winter. We regret the

prepared for huilding more homes for the city's Arab residents, despite the government's inten-tions. He noted, however, that the present government had invested NIS 9 million in developing the infrastructure in the eastern part of

Jerusalem municipal engineer Uri Ben-Asher said the potential exists to build 14,000 new homes for Arab residents, but only 4,000 are readily attainable. In the Jewish sector, he said there is potential for 62,000 homes. He said that land reserves are expected to run out for both sectors by the year 2010.

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Court: Send child to father in Britain

By BATSHEVA TSUR

In a precedent-setting decision. the Supreme Court ruled yesterday that a young Israeli mother who had left her non-Jewish husband in England must return their small child to the UK.

Justices Mishael Cheshin, Yitzchak Zamir, and Dorit Beinisch based their ruling on the Hague Convention governing the abduction of children. Quoting the convention, they said they had no choice but to "order the return of the child forthwith" to England.

The father, a British citizen, had appealed to the court to order the return of the child to allow a British court to decide on custody, following a previous decision by the Nazareth District Court to grant custody to the mother.

Yesterday's ruling was contrary to the opinion of psychologists, who had expressed the opinioo that the child should continue to

grow up with her mother in her kibbutz. In an expert opinion, the psychologists said that "the child's return to England would expose her to severe psychological damage and would put her in an intolerable situation.

The mother, identified only as Dafna from Kibbutz Baram, mei her husband Adam when he came to Baram as a volunteer in January 1993. Shortly afterward, Adam left the kibbutz and went to live in Eilat, where Dafna, then 17, later joined him. When they decided to marry, they left for Sussex in England and were married by a civil registrar. They had a daughter, Kara, and lived with different rela-

tives of Adam's. According to Dafna, Adam nimed out to be a "good-for-nothing who did not want to work, used drugs, and lived off his mother's savings and social security." She told the court that he often used physical violence against her and

would leave her locked up at home while he went out at nights.

During her pregnancy and when she gave birth, Dafna had wanted her mother to join her in England, but Adam threatened her and refused, she told the court. Finally, when she could no longer stand the situation, her mother arrived secretly and they left with the baby.

Dafna reacted to the ruling with

"I feel like this is just doing a favor to another country. I am an Israeli ciozen, a Jew, and I and my daughter are being extradited to a strange country where I have nothing, no means to exist," Dafna told Israel Radio. "I do not have Briosh citizenship or a job and am dependent on Adam's whims. This is a scandal ... I was kept a virtual pris-

She said she would not return to England. "I will fight the ruling and I'll get everyone who can to help

Domestic violence hot line faces government cuts

By ESTHER HECHT

Just a month after Prime Minister Binyamin Nelanyabu and Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai declared their support for battered women, a drastic cut in government fundiog is about to snap a crucial lifeline for the victims.

The Anti-Violence Hot Lice, which serves 1,200 women a year in Haifa and the North, said yesterday it had just learned the ministry is reducing its annual support from NIS 500,000 to just NIS

"It means we'll have to close dowo," said Ronit Edeldiog, who heads the hot line's corps of The hot line - a joint project of the ministry. Haifa Municipality,

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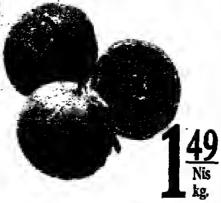
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According to Edelding, the ministry justified the cut by saying it wants to reassess all the organizations that deal with domestic violence. Meanwhile, the hot line's educational efforts encourage them to break their

and several other bodies - operates 12 hours a day in Hobrew, Arabic, Russian, Amharic, and English. It has trained and pays the salaries of three social workers who help women through the city's welfare offices. Its members accompany women to the police, the courts, and the rabbinical courts. Mcir Hovav, the ministry's

director of youth and adult correctional services, under whose jurisdiction the hot line falls, insisted the ministry oever gave the hot line any money before this year. The money the ministry trans-ferred to the Haifa Municipality was earmarked for the battered

E. Europe survivors deserve big part

NEW YORK - Eastern Europeao survivors, long the forgotten victims of Nazism, should get a "significant amount" of the Swiss Holocaust humanitarian fund, the leading US restitution official said.

The United States also believes Germany should offer compeosation to these survivors, Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat said Tuesday

The [Clinton] administration believes that a significant amount" of the so-called private Swiss fund should be used to aid survivors in Central and Eastern Europe, Eizenstat said at a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American

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tus of women to Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna. "Last year the ministry transferred the moncy seeking help keeps growing, as the hot line." She said she had turned to MK Yael Dayan (Labor) to help restore the ministry's support. silence, she said. of Swiss fund - US 285 million Swiss francs, was established earlier this month to compensate "needy" Holocaust survivors. The criteria for need have yet to be established, but relief and reparatioos officials say that the survivors of Eastern Europe are in the worst straits. They are the victims of what Eizenstat called the "twin tragedy" of having lived under Nazism and communism. They dld not qualify for German reparations programs during the Cold War. night in New York. The Germans feared "the communist governments would siphon off that money and it would never get to survivors," he said. That was completely understandable, but now we have a situation in which those countries are all viable democracies, and yet there is still no payment," The Swiss fund, oow valued at Eizenstat said. DR. YAACOV HERZOG THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THE YAACOV HERZOG FOR RESEARCH IN LAW, JEWISH STUDIES, TALMUD AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Bombings rock northern England

LONDON (AP) --- Twin explosions tore up rail track and damaged important signaling equipment in the northern English town of Wilmslow yesterday morning, hours after a telephone warning from a man claiming to represent

the IRA. Greater Manchester Police said there were no casualties but there was extensive damage and disruption to train service from Scotland to London and throughout northern England. Wilmslow, about 260 km northwest of London, is a major signaling center for trains on the main west coast line from Manchester to London.

Another warning was received about a possible device in the northern England town of Doncaster and the station area was evacuated, said Kevin Groves of Railtrack, which operates the line. Doncaster is 250 km north of London and about 95 km east of Wilmslow.

Late yesterday morning, police and bomb disposal experts were still searching the area around both stations.

The explosions came only a day after Scotland Yard Police Commissioner Sir Paul Condon warned of the possibility of IRA attacks timed to coincide with Britain's general election on May 1. Prime Minister John Major

gered insult to democracy at the start of the general election cam-

He said he hoped the IRA and its allied Sinn Fein Party were not going to conduct their election campaign at the ballot box in Northern Ireland and with bombs in mainland Britain.

Opposition leader Tony Blair, whose Labor Party is leading in opinion polls, said if the IRA was responsible, it should realize that no British government will be intimidated by "such outrages."

He also warned that the IRA's chances of joining the democratic process "diminished with every bomb and bullet." Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring said IRA bombs exacerbate the difficulties in trying to bring peace to Northern Ireland

"If these people think they're going to be nearer to a solution by bombs or the threat of bombs, they're living in cloud cuckoo land, totally illusory world," he told Sky television.

The day after the 1992 election, the IRA planted two bombs in London. One outside the historic Baltic Exchange building killed three people, injured 91 and caused more than \$950 million in damage. The other at Staples Corner in north London caused extensive

In 1993, two young boys were were about 50 meters apart.

called the explosions "a two-fin- killed by an IRA bomb in the center of Warrington, near Wilmslow.

Cheshire police said there were two calls from a man using a recognized Irish Republican Army code word warning of bombs. The first call at 5:30 a.m. was made to an elderly woman in Wilmslow who called police warning of a device at the local police station.

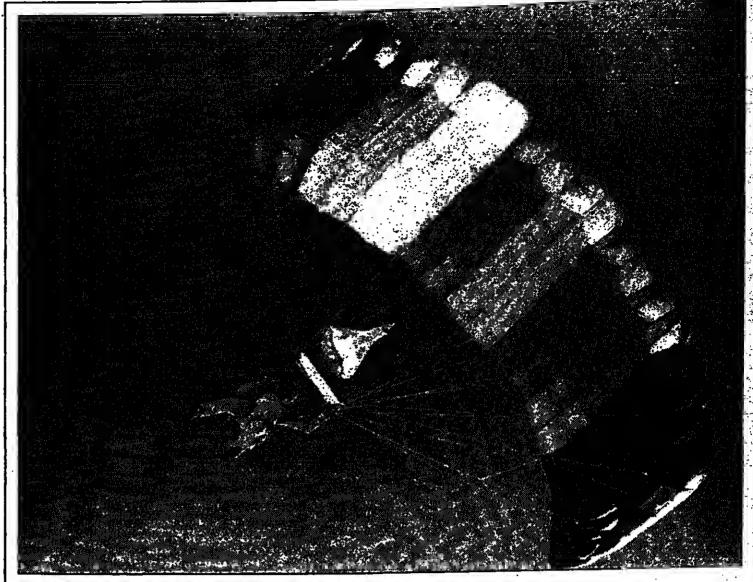
The second was made to a bospital in the Greater Manchester area, warning of a device at the railway

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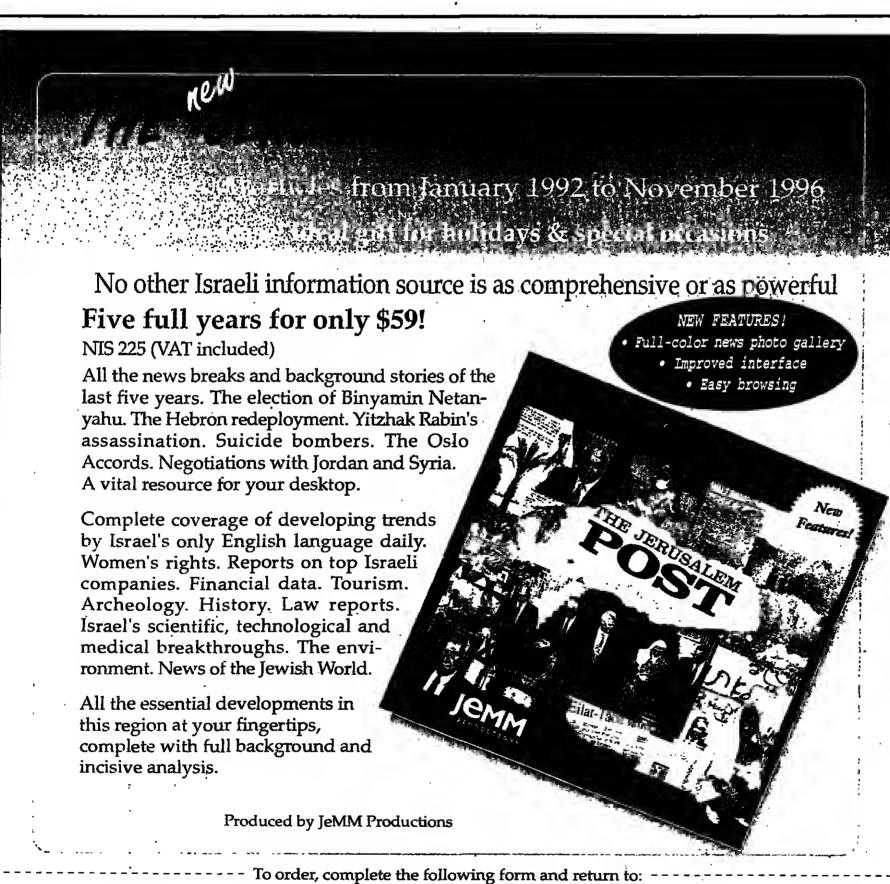
At 6:30 a.m., an explosion was heard at a signaling box on the railway line, about 350 meters from Wimslow station, Greater Manchester Police Inspector Leslie Smith said.

"The area was cordoned off, and as officers were doing this, there was a second loud explosion just after 7 a.m. and that was near to the first one," he said.

Evan Morris of the Cheshire fire service said fire fighters helping police at the scene of the first blast were extremely close to the second device that went off on the track." Police estimated the devices



Former US president George Bush, 72, makes a parachute jump over the US Army Proving Ground in Yuma, Arizona. (Reuter)



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Papua New Guinea premier resigns

PORT MORESBY(AP) -Prime Minister Julius Chan of Papua New Guinea resigned yesterday after an army mutiny, riots and nine days of uproar over a plan to use foreign mercenaries to crush a 9-year-old rebellion.

The defense and finance ministers also agreed to resign while an interim government runs the country until national elections in

Chan said he was acting in the interest of the country to defuse an "explosive" situation after protesters and mutinous soldiers blockaded Parliament House, refusing to let lawmakers out.

"I think I have taken the right course ... to preserve peace, to preserve order. This is the right thing to do," Chan told Parliament.

Some 2,000 protesters outside cheered loudly at the news, and both sides of the house gave him an ovation at the end of his address. The protesters let law-makers leave Parliament after

Chan said he would convene the Cabinet within 24 hours to appoint an acting prime minister. He did not indicate who might replace

The changes, he said, will ensure public confidence in a government-ordered judicial inquiry into the country's mercenary contract with Sandline International, a British mercenary firm.

Chan said the pressures the mutinous army had put his government under for nine days were "against the principle of a stable democracy," which is why he resisted demands for his resigna-

tion this long.

But Chan defended the restraint shown by the army. Throughout the crisis they stayed in their barracks, except for several dozen who joined Tuesday's protests at Parliament and intimidated law

"They put pressure on, but they said they would accept the vote of the Parliament," Chan said of the

Gore holds talks with Chinese leaders

BEIJING (AP) — US Vice President Al Gore said yesterday that two days of talks with China's leaders convinced him Beijing is prepared to do more to open its markets to US goods and is more receptive to candid discussions about buman rights.

After a meeting with President Jiang Zemin, Gore said he had raised specific cases in which the United States objected to China's handling of dissidents and politi-

cal prisoners.

Gore said there were some "strong disagreements" on this subject during his talks here, but that overall "the response was a more receptive response than I bave had in previous discussions on this subject."

Gore said he would not offer details of the cases he raised because it was his belief "our prospects for success

enhanced" by keeping discussionsprivate.

But he said he "did not pull any punches" during talks on human rights and said "we are finding ways to communicate more effectively with China's leaders on this topic." He did not cite any specific promises from his bosts.

Prominent dissidents com-

plained ahead of Gore's arrival that police had increased surveillance of their activities.

The US vice president said he had told Jiang and Premier Li Peng that allegations China illegally fun-neled money into US elections last year were being investigated by federal law enforcement authorities. "They vigorously denied the allegations," Gore said, but added those allegations alone were no reason to slow the recent warmingof relations between the two coun-

South African killers face sentence today

DURBAN (AP) — Twelve men convicted on 18 murder charges in the 1995 Christmas Day massacre in KwaZulu-Natal province will be sen-

A 15-year-old youth also convicted in the murders will be sentenced at a later date. Judge Hilary Squires said yesterday.

Squires said he would need more time to decide on an appropriate sen-

tence for the youth.

The 13 defendants were convicted by Squires of taking part in an attack by an estimated 2,000 armed Inkatha Freedom Party supporters on the rural village of Shobashobane, inhabited by rival African National

Congress supporters.

Lawyers for the defendants argued for lenient sentences at a mitigation hearing yesterday, saying the Inkatha supporters were provoked by road blockades, stonings and other acts by the ANC supporters.

State Prosecutor Sandish Sankar told the court he accepted there had been acts of provocation, but said "other options" were available to the

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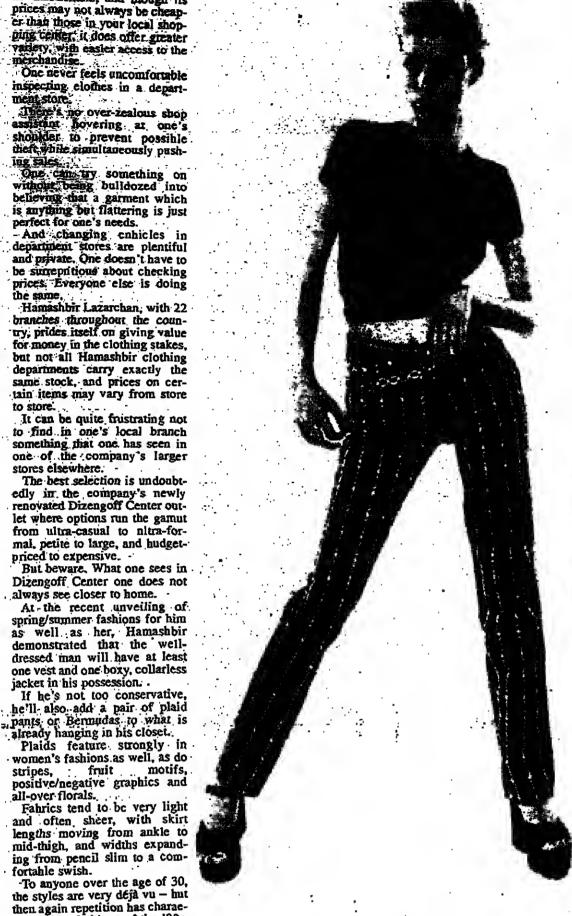
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Greek delights

By LORA SCHOCHAT

un, sea, clean air, delicious food and gorgeous views. There are a lot of reasons to visit Greece, but for Israelis, there is an added bonus: it's like a home away from home. The flight is only an hour and 40 minutes and the climate is similar to here. Now, in the spring, the air is crisp and cool in Athens, while on the Aegean islands visitors can count on wearing T-shirts and stacks.

Greeks and Israelis share a similar warmth and sense of hospitality, as well as hutzpa. Haggling is de rigeur in Athens's Plaka flea market, which offers high-end crafts as well as touristy knickknacks, and at the marketplaces in Thessaloniki. The Mediterranean flavor of traditional Greek dishes, usually served with lemon or olive oil, strongly resemble our local tastes.

Piraeus, Athens' main port, is also the starting point of an all-day cruise on the tourist boat Hermes, which left from the port at 9 a.m. for a breathtaking tour of three beautiful islands: Aegina, Porous and Hydrous. These jewels of the Aegean Sea offer the traveler a true hreak from "real life" with their clean, sweet air and azure waters.

Aegina is the largest island of the three, and boasts ancient ruins, a picturesque monastery and loads of pistachio trees. The island also has a small but bountiful fish market, which has many non-touristy tavems and eateries spread throughout it. Fresh octopuses roasting on an open fire were a common sight.

Porous and Hydrous are smaller islands, each with quaint shops and cafes, Hydrous's attractions are particularly charming. There are no motor vehicles on the island, only donkeys. Visitors can take a 20minute donkey ride from the island's edge into its lush green hills studded with white and blue bouses to explore a splendor strikingly dif-



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ferent from the serene beauty of the sea. There is also a castle and cannons from the 1700s on the seafront. These islands are also a fisherman's paradise; local fishermen will take you out on their boats for a few hours for a small fee.

If the islands offer tranquil beauty, the city of Thessaloniki, known for its deep Jewish history, offers both beauty and excitement. Elected the Cultural Capital of Europe for 1997, Thessaloniki will be home to cultural events galore through mid-April, from an exhibit of Caravaggio's paintings to a musical program about the Balkans. Known as the "Capital of Macedonia," the city boasts ruins from the Byzantine period (a castle and also the White Tower, which is home to one of the largest Byzantine icon collections anywhere) as well as an extensive exhibit at the Archeological Museum, which houses artifacts from ancient northern Greece, including the bones of Philip II, who was the father of Alexander the Great, and some exquisitely detailed gold myrde wreaths, wom hy Philip and his wives.

As for nightlife, one of the most exciting places to be is at the Hyart Regency Casino, Thessaloniki. The largest and most luxurious casino in the whole of Europe, the Hyatt Regency is a gambler's paradise with over 4,000 square meters of

American and European games such as roulene, stud poker and hlackjack. It also features first-class restaurants, which offer traditional Greek, Asian and Italian delights. One of the most enticing dishes sampled was barbecued swordfish with horseradish-whipped potatoes and mango chumey. The Hyatt is planning on extending the casino into a full-fledged hotel.

One of the best denise fish this writer has ever tasted was served at Prasina Trehantiria, in Piraeus. The fish was smoked to perfection with a blend of spices and lemon, the flavors of which seeped into the skin. The appetizer consisted of deepfried calamari and sardines, as well as fried shrimps which were extremely tender and well-prepared. These appetizers were typi-cal of most of our meals. Chilled fresh fruit was the perfect dessert to match a light, yet satisfying, meal.

For those who wish to experience the color, vibrancy and taste of Greece on their home turf, the Hyatt Regency Jerusalem is kicking off a two-week Greek Festival. beginning next Monday and continuing through April 10. Valentino's Restaurant is hosting two chefs from Thessaloniki who will prepare authentic delicacies from the Aegean islands, countryside villages and Athens. A guest troupe of Greek musicians and dancers will provide entertainment and a display of traditional costume will be featured in the atrium lobby of the hotel. The above events are sponsored by the Greek national Tourist Organization, Olympic Airways, TAT Travel and Tours and Hyatt Thessaloniki Casino.

For reservations for the festival, call (02) 533-1222.

The writer was a guest of the Greek Nanonal Tourist Organization, Olympic Airways, TAT Trave and Tours, Hyan Regency Casino Thessaloniki and Hyan Regency in Jerusalem.

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Know your NII accident insurance benefits

BY RUTHIE BLUM

the month before Pessah is a time when the accident-prone should be especially Leautions. There is nothing unite like beavy-dury cleaning for increasing risk of injury. Moving furniture, shaking out carpets. climbing ladders to reach high cupboards, and hauling vacuum cleaners and pails to and fro. are all tasks which have been known to lead to cuts, bruises, sprains, strains and breaks. (A neighbor of mine actually fell off her secondstory balcony while beating a rug; miraculously, she was virtually unscathed.)

For those of you who have the misfortune to fall prey to physical mishap, however, you are covered by the National Insurance Institute (NII).

While it is commonly known that work-related accidents are covered, you may not be aware that you can receive money if you fall off a ladder at home and break your arm, like one incapacitated friend who ended up having difficulty performing even the most minor tasks for several weeks.

According to the accident insurance law, an "accident" is defined as "a sudden incident in which a person receives bodily injury due to an external factor, and due to which he lost his ability to function." This law applies to all residents between the ages of 18 and 60 for a woman or 65 for a man.

The criteria for being considered an accident victim who has lost the ability to function are

1. If you are either a salaried employee or self-employed who, as a result of the accident, cannot do your job or any other suitable job.

2. If you are neither salaried nor selfemployed but are hospitalized or house-bound as a result of the accident.

3. If you are a housewife who, as a result of the accident, are unable to perform household tasks. Who is eligible for this benefit? A resident of Israel who had an accident - here or ahroad is eligible for "accident money" for the time he or she is here and unable to function, if, during this time he or she was not working in any job.

If you have an accident, you must be examined by a doctor within 72 hours of the accident. Failure to do so might mean a loss of your right to the benefit (unless it is subsequently proven that the symptoms of your particular accident only began to appear after the 72-hour period; In this case, you've got to be examined

within two weeks of the accident). The NII pays this benefit for a maximum of 90 days. The amount paid per day is equivalent to that paid to victims of work-related accidents:

1. For salaried employees, it is 75 percent of your salary (for the quarter of a year prior lo the accident), divided by 90.

2. For the self-employed, it is 75 percent of your earnings (according to which you have paid the NII in the quarter of a year prior to the accident), divided by 90.

3. For those who were neither salaried

employees nor self-employed at the time of the accident, it is 25 percent of the average wage determined on January 1 preceding the day of the accident, with an addition of the calculated rise in pension payments from January I until the date of the accident, divided by 30.

able to understand how to calculate any of these sums, but rather should use this as a guideline, before phoning the NII to receive a personalized explanation.)

When does all of this not apply? When you are already receiving money - for the same accident from another source (provident fund, pension fund, sick days, etc.), or when you are hospitalized irrespective of the accident, and receiving paid care anyway, or if you are in the IDF or in jail.

you'll need when trying to decipher fine and not-so-fine print, contact the NII office nearest you. If you are unsure whom to contact about your specific inquiry, first call the public information number: (03) 695-6348:

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Scandalous behavior

The country's leading insurance companies may, for now, get away with rejecting demands they dismiss the general managers recently indicted for creating a cartel in homeowners' and corporate insurance. But the longer they insist on acting as if nothing has happened, the more scandalous they will appear in the court of public opinion.

The type of behavior exhibited by the insurance companies might have been quietly overlooked 40 years ago. Those days are over. Israel's economy and society can no longer condone or afford to indulge monopolies and cartels. Supervisor of Insurance Doron Shorer correctly understood this imperative when he ruled that the general managers indicted in the cartel scam be suspended, if not dismissed outright. The insurance companies, however, have shown no sign of contritioo or of intending to follow his directives.

The directors of Migdal Insurance voted on Tuesday to dismiss Shorer's ruling outright, expressing their full confidence in indicted Migdal general manager Uzi Levi, Migdal deputy manager Gideon Rosolio, and Hamagen deputy general manager Amichai Harari, claiming that this decision should be left in the hands of the Italian insurance giant Assicurazioni Generali, which will soon take control of Migdal's operations.

Other insurance companies, such as Clal. delayed making a decision on Shorer's demands, in a childish attempt to play for time. The crimes for which six insurance companies, 11 of their managers, and the Association of Insurance Companies were convicted in Jerusalem District Court two weeks ago are among the most serious in the sphere of economics. They include the creation of a cartel to maintain high premiums, and colluding in offering discounts and deciding agents' fees in the early part of this decade. The collusion extended to collective decisions to eliminate coverage of certain insurance items

and raising co-payments. The companies used their collective power to damage competition in the sector, worsen insurance conditions, and harm the trust that is essential for the building of economic relations. In public's interest.

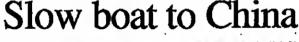
other countries, chief executive officers of companies can generally be trusted, because they know they will have to pay a price for the errors they commit. Here, on the other hand, persons in high positions in husiness, the military, and politics routinely seek any excuse they can find to avoid paying personally for their mistakes.

The insurance cartel scandal is no exception. The companies have claimed that the price-fixing was necessary given that prices are dictated hy foreign underwriters. They say they have learned their lesson and will not repeat their actions, and that it is unfair to demand their managers' resignation, because the plea bargain they agreed to did not include resignation.

Each of these claims is weak. Foreign underwriters are an important element in insurance around the world, and they certainly do not necessitate a cartel. They should be compared to wholesale prices, which do not exclude competition in the retail price paid by individual consumers. The claim that the insurance managers "have learned their lesson" should be greeted with healthy scepticism, especially given charges which have recently surfaced that a lifeinsurance cartel was effected even after the homeowners' insurance cartel was exposed.

As for the claim that the plea bargain did not include dismissal of managers, it should be remembered that, just as judges need not accept plea hargains agreed to by prosecutors, the public need not accept minor punishments either. The fines imposed on the companies, at a maximum of NIS 6 million, and those imposed on managers, of around NIS 300,000, might sound hefty at first. But if one considers that Generali paid \$330 million for its share of Migdal, and the high monthly salaries earned by the managers of insurance companies, these fines appear to be relatively minor.

There are indications that some Knesset members are considering drafting a law requiring the managers of companies to resign under such circumstances. It would be preferable not to have to resort to parliamentary action in such matters, but if there is no other choice, the Knesset will have to do its duty and protect the



The powerless US vice-presidency remains the joy of stand-up comics in the United States, even after the passing from the scene of such cartoon characters as Spiro T. Agnew and Dan Ouayle. Hence a more serious character, like Al Gore, has a doubly uphill task on an important mission like his current trip to China. He must convince his hosts he has nearpresidential clout, and the folks back home that his efforts are not just fodder for The Tonight

Gore's trip is deadly serious, but it is hard to see that it has achieved much beyond aiding slightly the psychological thaw in frosty bilateral relations. He is the most senior American official to visit China since the crushing of the student protests in Tiananmen Square in 1989. His trip is meant to prepare the path for an exchange of historic presidential visits in the

Two years ago Gore and Prime Minister Li Peng had an angry clash in Europe over human rights. This time Gore did build some bridges hy persuading Li to join him in chairing a US-China forum on the environment, to examine ways of curbing industrial pollution. Gore's environment campaign on his trip to Asia was a hid to put his personal stamp on the mission – a worthy issue, but one which failed to ignite pub-

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lic excitement and did little to dispel Gore's image as a somewhat wooden Vice President

US officials had to agree nothing had been achieved in changing China's attitudes to human rights - the best that could be said was that the talks between Gore and Li were less acrimonious than before. In other words, they didn't snarl but they didn't agree. Gore ended up in another semantic fumble over alleged Chinese attempts to funnel money into last year's American congressional and presidential elections. China vehemently denied the allegations and Gore said the issue would not prevent closer ties between the two countries. Since the matter is under FBI investigation, Gore's officials had to hastily reclarify that the rumors will not affect Sino-American relations - unless proved true, when they would become very serious indeed.

Gore did officiate at the signing of two large business contracts: a \$685 million Boeing deal to sell five 777-200 aircraft to Air China, and a General Motors joint venture with Shanghai's higgest automobile manufacturer. This reminded everyone that the bottom line is business, not human rights. China, however, still has a long way to go in learning that free markets and repressive politics cannot coexist for ever without one or the other cracking under the strain.



What a joke... on us

or a century Jews in this land have relied on themselves for intelligence operations as Middle-Eastern Arab nations unleashed endless wars and vio-

lence against them. So successful was this philosophy of self-reliance that the exploits of the Mossad, the General Security Service and military intelligence, working separately or in combined operations,

were widely acclaimed. Intelligence garnered in Arah capitals, on the West Bank, and in Gaza were a key to exploits like the liberation of Jewish hostages at Entebbe, the execution of the killers of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympic Games, the capture of Adolf Eichmann in Bnenos Aires, and the destruction of Iraq's nuclear bomb plant in

More recently, newspapers worldwide described how master bomb-maker Yihye Ayyash, known as "The Engineer," was himself blown up while using his mobile phone, a means of execution some might call poetic jus-

In these and other exploits, most still shrouded in secrecy, our intelligence services supplied that vital ingredient - accurate insider information - to ensure success.

This practice of "God helps those who helps themselves? worked magnificently until 1994, when Israeli premier Yitzhak Rabin ordered his intelligence chiefs to end the reliance on the network of agents they had built up with great patience and effort in Gaza and the West Bank.

Rabin claimed publicly that Arafat, who didn't have the High Court to contend with, would succeed in preventing terror.

The field professionals in every branch of Israeli intelligence were aghast at this monumental blunder, which was to cost the country over 200 deaths from terror.

"It's like blinding a man and cutting off his ears," said Rafi Eitan, terrorism adviser to prime ministers and consultant 10 Western government on the subject, "a lifetime of hard, careful. work - gone. It's a policy designed to hring disaster upon the Jews of Israel.

Morale in security circles slumped badly.

The mastermind of this unrealistic concept was Shimon Peres and his litter of lawyer mediators. They concocted the Oslo accords, which enshrined the principle that, henceforth, Yasser Arafat's nascent security services would supply all the information Israel needed to protect itself against ter-

Hamas and Islamic murderers would be forced to make a bonfire of their arms. Ayyash and others

URI DAN **DENNIS EISENBERG**

like him would become voluntary social workers among Gaza's

It was part of Peres's "New Middle East," and it went disastrously wrong from the outset. Israeli intelligence circles, their traditional sources of information uprooted by the policy of relying on a hostile PLO, found them-

The Palestinians had a good laugh over the notion that **Arafat's security** chiefs would warn Israel in advance about terror attacks

selves hamstrung. Nowhere was their embarrassment clearer than when soldier Nachshon Wachsman was kidnapped in October 1994. With their informants gagged, the GSS had no idea where Wachsman was being held captive. A flustered Rabin, taking a shot in the dark. announced that the soldier was a

prisoner in Gaza. Finally the GSS located Wachsman, held captive near his. Jerusalem home. The soldier was killed before his would-be rescuers stormed the house.

THE policy of relying on Jibril Rajoub, Arafat's security chief, and on Mohammed Dahlan, his counterintelligence commander for information, could not work. In fact, it was a major joke among the Palestinians. This goes far in explaining why

suicide bombers could strike where and when least expected. And still the naive belief persisted that Arafat's chiefs would warn us in advance about terrorist attacks. In addition, the sudden elimination of a prime source of informanon from the West Bank reaching the GSS was demoralizing, affecting the Mossad, and military inteligence too.

Knowing all this, it seems beyond belief that, on becoming premier last year, Binyamin Netanyahu did not immediately order the intelligence community to revert to the "self-reliance" policies that had traditionally stood the nation in such good stead

True, until last week's suicide attack in Tel Aviv, there were no suicide terrorist bombings for 10

But terrorists were murdering Israelis, on the roads and else-

If Netanyahu had taken the trouble to reread his pre-election

speeches, he would have been reminded of his insistence that Arafat had a pact with Hamas and Islamic Jihad whereby suicide bombings would not be employed as long as the Israeli government gave him everything be wanted.

Arafat made his future intentions crystal-clear in giving the green light for an attack on Israeli soldiers when Netanyahu ordered the exit of the controversial Western Wall Tunnel opened without consulting him. The shooting mobs were organized by Rajoub and Dahlan – just as they have been doing now with stones and firebombs in Hehron and Bethlehem.

The frustrated anger felt by our intelligence chiefs burst out after last Friday's attack. Said Moshe Ya'alon, military intelligence chief, with a soldier's bluntness: "Arafat gave the green light for suicide bombing attacks." He added that Rajoub had incited and directed the rioting in Hebron and other cities.

Israeli intelligence officers knew that former convicted terrorists, released prematurely from Israeli prisons to appease Arafat, organized and led the rioting. Palestinian police, sent in as a gesture so as to appear to be restoring order, were astonished to discover their own comrades in the front line, hurling rocks and urging on the local youth to acts of "heroism."

The Israeli defense minister and chief of staff, among those still suffering from the illusion that Arafat is a good chap, called on him to ensure that there would be no more lerrorist attacks. They were probably still hoping that Palestinian security chiefs would act like gentlemen, and honor agreements

But Arafat's double game was clear, proven by the release of some 120 fundamentalist prisoners days before the riots erupted. Among them was major Hamas figure Ibrahim Makadmeh, who promptly applauded the killing of Jewish women in Tel Aviv.

It was claimed in Gaza that Makadmeh had been rearrested. although Israeli security sources have no proof of this. In any event. Palestinian prisons are as porous as sponges.

There is no doubt that Arafat has unleashed the hounds of terror and he has no intention of reigning them in.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israel Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

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NINA SHEA

Recently Dustin Hoffman, Goldie Hawn, Oliver Stone and 30 other Hollywood celebrities placed open letters in the European press slamming Germany's exclusion of Scientologists from government jobs and a boycott of Scientologist Tom Cruise's movie Mission Impossible. They drew exaggerated parallels between the campaign against the Scientologists and the treatment of the lews by Nazi

Germany. . The impact was instant. The day the ads appeared, the State Department's Nicholas Barns announced: We believe that the members of the Church of Scientology have a right to pracnce their religion... in... all...

countries." Unfortunately, Hollywood is selective in its campaigns for religious freedom. The most persecuted religious group in the world today, one that is suffering not just discrimination and bigotry but the real terror of torture, imprisonment and death, has been all hut ignored by US policy- and opinion-makers and media.

That group is Christians. Christian minorities living in the remnant Communist countries and in societies where radical politicized Islamic movements hold sway are facing intensifying oppression purely for reasons of faith. Their plight makes Germany's restrictions on Scientology pale by comparison.

Consider: Sudan is waging jihad against its Christian and non-Moslem populations. troops raze Government Christian villages, massacring the men and selling the women and children into slavery. Independent human rights assessors say the campaign against the Christians in the Nuba mountain region has reached "genocidal

Saudi Arabia completely bans

The world's most persecuted religious group is being ignored

Christianity and all its:vestiges; religious police raid private homes in search of secret worship services.

Egypt's Coptic community is vanishing under a violent onslaught by Moslem extremists. Tens of thousands of Coptic Christians were forced to flee or convert to Islam after large mobs of fanatical Moslem youths laid waste their villages in Upper Egypt in early 1996.

In China, as many as 60 million Christians refuse to join churches controlled by the atheist government, and daily risk their lives and liberty to worship in underground house-churches. Thousands of underground Christians, including two Catholic bishops, are in China's religious gulag. Chinese Catholics and Protestants say 1996 was their worst year since the Mao period.

Vietnam tortures and imprisons popular Protestant pastors for disseminating religious propaganda," bars the Vatican from making key episcopal appointments, and sharply limits graduation from the Catholic semi-

Pakistan, Algeria, Iran. Nigeria, North Korea, Cuba, Laos, Uzbekistan - the list of countries where Christians are under siege is long.

A YEAR ago prominent US Christian leaders launched a vigorous campaign to get their government to address this persecn-

The National Association of Evangelicals issued a "statement of conscience" declaring "dismay that the US government has been indifferent to its obligation to speak out against the reigns of terror... against Christians." It called for the president to implement a list of concrete reforms to ensure concern for persecuted Christians in US foreign and immigration policy. Little has been done.

The Pope also has repeatedly condemned religious persecution of Christians, and in December the US Catholic hishops appealed to the secretary of state regarding atrocities committed against Christians by China. They never received a reply.

In September, both houses of Congress took up the cause in a bipartisan consensus by adopting resolutions "condemning the egregious human rights abuses and denials of religious liberty to Christians," and calling on the president's foreign policy to reflect this reality. These, too, have failed to attract attention.

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(Los Angeles Times)

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Even a dinosaur needs a little back-scratch now and then. The full-size replica of a 70-million-yearold Albertosaurus is getting a cleaning as it prepares to leave Canada for a dinosaur exhibition in

THE RAMAT AVIV MALL Sir, - In regard to the reaction of

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo and the "secular" lobby to the muchdiscussed Ramat Aviv mall, I would like to know if they have stopped to consider, or bothered to ask how the residents of Ramat Aviv/Neveh Avivim feel about the

opening of this complex. We managed to postpone the start of this huge complex, (which is situated in a pleasant, peaceful residential area) for two years, because we were concerned about our quality of life, not only on Shabbat, hut all through the week, and particularly concerned about the increase of traffic along Tagore Street, which is the only access to our neighborhood. The fact that the mall will be closed on Shabbat means that we can look forward to some respite from the constant stream of traffic which threatens to engulf us.

If Mr. Milo could tackle the growing traffic and parking problems which confront Tel Aviv citizens with the same fervor he is using to voice his disagreement with those who consider Shabbat important, he might yet earn himself a place in history! RUTH STARK

Tel Aviv.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Sir, - "Haredim harass Jehovah's Witnesses" in big letters on the front page of The Jerusalem Post of March 13 is the most hiased atti-tude ever expressed. In the twocolumn article by Haim Shapiro, there were three lines admitting that the "Witnesses" do missionary work, their "religious duty" - so why aren't they the "guilty" and not the haredim who object to it?

Haim, stick to reports on what you and your companion eat, and leave the haredim alone. ANNA RUBIN

LEAVING A MARK

Sir, - Recently I visited the tombs of the great leaders of the nation at Mount Herzl and I have noticed that on their gravestones, there is no information whatsoever about their legendary service to the State of Israel. It appears to me that this landmark is a historical sight which is to serve and keep informed future generations to come.

On the way back to my car, I noticed that many trees have a plaque next to them with much more information than the tombs. I think this should be corrected. NEHEMIA HASAK

Highland Park, Illinois.

GREEN LIGHT?

Sir, - In the Post of March 23, ("US to Arafat: Say no to terrorism") regarding differing intelligence viewpoints between the US and Israel as to whether or not Arafat had in effect given a "green light" to terror, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns is quoted as saying that the US is "not going to dehate intelligence assessments pub-The different assessments of

Arafat as a trustworthy partner for peace who has eschewed violence versus a calculating opportunist who less loose the hounds when be's unhappy, should not be a matter of secre-cy. If the US has reasons to believe in Arafat, it should spell them out. As an American cilizen whose life is on the line over exactly this issue, I demand to hear them. If the US does not have reasons, or if its reasons are wrong, then their support for Arafat over the Har Homa issue, and its failure to warn him against making inflammatory statements, was in fact the first "green light."

REUVEN WACHTFOGEL Jerusalem.

Then on Tuesday the High Court of Justice gave

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein 10 days to

announce whether be is prepared

to undergo a polygraph test - or suspend all such testing in the civil

service - it was another victory for the Movement for Quality

Government. The organization which petitioned the court over the

issue is one of two civic watch-dogs - the other is Amitai - that

have gained increasing clout and

Although we supported the appointment of Rubinstein as

attorney-general, we believe there

should be one law for everyone." explained Michael Partem, vice-

chairman of the Movement for

For the most part, the two

watchdog organizations pursue

cases of government corruption.

The trial of Shas MK Arych Deri,

the "fictitious bookkeeping" trial of Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert,

the accusations of campaign finan-

cial irregularities against Shas MK

Raphael Pinhasi, the conviction of former Shas MK Yair Levy for

pocketing charity money, the

mushrooming Bar-On Affair - just

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Citizens for Proper and Ethical

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Attorney or State Comptroller, or

instead choose to fight the battle in

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Dear Secret-Keeping Sis, is one of frustration with your parents. As such, it is unlikely that

over, trying to speed up the start of Den's trial for illegally transfer-ring public funds to Shas institutions (his current trial is for allegedly taking bribes); and is mounting a public campaign agaiost a general amnesty to mark Israel's 50th year in 1998. The Jerusalem-based Movement for Quality Government, ruo by

They brought the attorney-general to court this week. They are demanding the prosecution of a host of

MKs. Who are the country's civic watchdogs?

Larry Derfner reports

retired intelligence and police offi-

cers, is currently preoccupied with

convincing the High Court of

Justice to order Olmert's suspen-

sion as mayor until his trial is

attorney Eliad Shraga and a number of other lawyers, academics and "free professionals," is demanding the prosecution of Labor MK Binyamin Ben-Eliezer for evasion of taxes, and for a conflict of interest daoing back to when he was simultaneously civil administrator of the territories and Israel's Daihatsu importer, as well as the prosecution of National Religious Party MK Avner Shaki for transferring public funds to a family-run organization when he was minister of seligious affairs.

"Thanks to Amitai, there's a greater sensitivity among the public to how government should be run," said Amitai chairman Eliezer "Lonka" Gotlib, an insurance agent, member of Kibbutz Lohamei Hagera'ot, and retired military intelligence colonel.

"Today, whenever a government office gets a letter from the

"Somebody has to go to court on these matters, somebody has to take the trouble."

Movement Government, it knows it has to provide a serious response. We are not taken lightly," said Partem, a

Pinhasi affair, and the Movement

for Quality Government's petition in the Deri case, that led the High Court of Justice in 1993 to bar accused felons from serving as ministers or deputy ministers. But the ability of public watchdog organizations to fight in the High

Court of Justice is relatively new.

Until 1986, the court wouldn't even have given Amitai, the Movement Government or any other thirdparty petitioner a chance to be heard, said Tel Aviv taw professor Ze'ev Segal. Segal himself helped bring about this reform with his 1986 book. Standing to Sue, in which he argued that third-party 'ideological plaintiffs' should have standing before the court in cases that are important to preserving the rule of law. The court accepted his argument later that year when they heard the petitions of various taw professors and public officials in the Bus 300 affair involving the Geogral Security

Segal said Amitai and the Movement Government have done well as a 'catalyst" in the justice system pursuing many cases that state prosecutors have delayed or neglected. "Somebody has to go to court on these matters, somebody has to take the trouble," he said.

But he cautioned that the organi-

zarions' increased activity could bring diminishing returns. "They should focus their efforts on matters of high constitutional importance, and not rush to the High Court of Justice on everything they see in the newspaper. Otherwise the court will begin to look on them as mere busybodies," Segal said, using the Movement For Quality Government's petition oo the Rubinstein polygraph as an exam-

(Amitai may have gotten carried away when it recently asked State Attorney Edna Arbel, in her previous capacity as acting attorney general, to indict Avigdor lieberman for slander after the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office accused the It was Amitai's petition in the police of harassing him for politi-

BOTH ORGANIZATIONS were set up in 1990, but were spurred into action by two different irritants. For the Movement for Quality Government, it was the demonstration in the "stinking maneuver that a tiny political party had the power to determine who ran the government - something that mobilized public out-

rage and in turn led to passage of

the law for the direct election of

the prime minister. For Amitai, it was two related developments: Firstly, the huge pressures brought to bear on Avneri and investigative journalist Yoav Yitzhak, who wrote books detailing alleged financial wrongdoings by former Agudat Yisrael MK Avraham Shapira and former Clai chairman Aharon Dovrac, and

secondly, Mo'oriv's and Yediot

Aharonot's purchase of part own-

ric, a self-taught lawyer

going to court to invoke a long-

forgotten law to defend a hedge.

But he won, and may have set an

important precedent that will

help save the rolling patchwork

of the ancient English country-

side from the bulldozers of mod-

Fired by a passion for the

rights of the public, the 63-year-

old former teacher has prevailed

in a string of court cases against

farmers, government bodies and

others who want to close paths,

tear up trees or gouge out mines.

Petitions and reasoned letters

are a waste of time," he said. "If

you can write a half-page letter

threatening the law, it sharpens

their minds. You do not have to

be a solicitor or a barrister in

order to be able to read and rea-

son and put together a legal argument."

In January, Seymour won a

victory hailed by people worried

about the loss of bedgerows. It

was a judgment saving a 51-

meter strip of ragged hedge in

Flamborough, his Yorkshire vil-

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which said the hedge must be maintained "forever." There are

some 4,000 similar local acts

His case was based on a 1765

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ership in Channel 2 and cable TV franchises, which created a potentially dangerous interdependence among newspapers, television,

business and government.
This connection of interests burt the media's ability to investigate corruption," said Gotlib. Amitai then stepped into the fray. (Both organizations are volunteer and exist on philanthropy from, among other sources, the New Israel Fund.)

With their hot lines for informants, each organization operates as a kind of fast-service, all-purpose State Comptroller's Office. The State Comptroller's Office investigates very thoroughly, bot very slowly. It can spend years researching an issue involving the government, and by the time the report comes out, the government may no longer be in office," says Goulib.

Hebrew University law students get credit for staffing the Movement for Quality

"Today, whenever a government office gets a letter from the Movement, it knows it has to provide a serious

response."

Government's hot line. The organization engages in widespread educational activities, and bas

even established a Government Day" (May 15) with an awards ceremony. It has a squeaky-clean air about it, in contrast to Amitai's earthier, get-thebad-guys attitude. The Movement for Quality Government is also larger and better-funded.

The two organizations do not work together. Their offices don't even have each other's telephone numbers. Asked if there was any competitioo iovolved, Partem replied: "Frankly I don't know that much about Amitai. But our general attitude is that we welcome other people who want to improve government."

Gotlib, however, took the scrapper's view: "Naturally there's competition between us, and that's healthy." Compensors or not, they're both

on the same side, both fighting the good fight.

To tell or not to tell: Sister's husband is gay

By RUTHIE BLUM



eor Ruthie. sister announced to the family that she's getting divorced. Because this is her second marrioge,

my parents are enraged, ond think she's being her usual egocentric self (i.e. irresponsible towards the children, etc.). But my sister's husband is goy - o fact she discovered by accident, though she claims they haven't had sexual relations in over o year.

I want very much to tell my parents so they will understand my sister's motives better, but she won't let me because she doesn't want anything to jeopardize the proceedings. She is also afraid that her children will be devastated if they find out I don't know what to do about my frustration every time I hear my sister criticized by my parents.

Sister Keeping o Secret Somewhere in Israel

The problem you are having here even the truth about your sister

would solve the problem. Apparently, your sister realizes this very well - else she, too, would be interested in telling them about her reasons for getting divorced.

Where dealing with your frustration is concerned, you might do well to follow your sister's example: exercise restraint while taking parental criticism for granted.

Dear Ruthie. My mom would have o fit if she knew I was writing to you because she goes crazy about the fact that I spend all of my time "on line." But the Internet is my whole life. How can I convince her to give me o break, and stop bugging me about "sitting in front of the computer all day long?" I mean, it's not as if I don't go to school, do my homework, and babystt for my younger brother and sister. I even take out the garbage twice o week, and mow the lawn once o month. (I told my Mom that she should be happy she has a 17-year-old son addicted to information and not to drugs, but this didn't seem to impress her very much.)

Internet Addict with Modem-Mad Mom Somewhere in the USA-

Dear Son of Modern-Mad Morn,

related to your eventual career, she might respect it retroactively).

What you can do, however, is examine your behavior vis-a-vis

they are warranted.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@ipost.co.il

You may never be able to make your mother suddenly approve of the long hours you spend in front of the computer (though if doing so ends up becoming something

your family during the ome wheo you are away from the Internet. Perhaps you exhibit certain forms of anti-social behavior which cause your mother to blame your addiction. Ask yourself whether you are generally cheerful around her, or tend to be surly and unresponsive. When you mow the lawn and take out the garbage, for example, do you make it clear that it is torture, or do you accept it as an integral part of being a member of a family?

Most parents would like to see their children as somehow "wellrounded," rather than focused solely on one interest. Your mother is no exception. It is in your power to assuage her fears about your bobby - unless, of course,

By AUDREY WOODS around the country, Seymour said, and all use the same words: olin Seymour may seem the classic English eccento make and forever maintain." "A properly maintained hedge

might last for 1,000 years," he The victory brought bim wide-

spread acclaim.

Hedgerows have rimmed English fields since Saxon times, and some are a thousand years old. In the 18th century, when much commonly held land was "enclosed," or divided into indivídual parcels, hedgerows marked out boundaries.

When the Flamborough parish council decided to destroy 51 meters of hedge to make way for a bowling green, Seymour found the 232-year-old old law requiring the parish to maintain that hedge. "The court beld that these obligations are still binding today because no further act of Parliament bas ever repealed them," Seymour said. Flamborough was seen as the

test case for these old laws, and environmentalists were delighted. Coogratulations cards decorate the mantelpiece above a flickering coal fire in the sitting room Seymour's spartao cottage. There have been a lot of leners from people who have taken encouragement," Seymour said. Some, be added with a wry smile, are from people seeking free legal assistance.

Seymour gets by on a govern-

ment pension for the disabled. He's nearly deaf - with partial hearing in only one ear - and bas lost his peripheral vision through glaucoma. Though he left school at 15, Seymour later earned bachelor's degrees in educacion and social sciences and a master's degree in management stud-

The hedge case has oor made him universally popular in Flamborough, where there isn't much entertainment. The bowliog greeo had a lot of support.
"He may be a hero to some," Judge Tom Cracknell said when he delivered his decision. "But to others, I have no doubt that he is the villain of the piece and a thorough nuisance." Seymour's recent celebrity

waso't altogether welcome, and he changed his unlisted phone oumber. But he was courteous and friendly when be found an uninvited reporter on his doorstep, and patiently explained his determination to see the law upheld. Between sips from a mug of tea, he described some of the tangled legal cases in which be has taken on British Waterways, British Rail, Yorkshire Water, county councils, several millionaire farmers and peers of the realm.

In his first case, 20 years ago ing around his former bouse.

be balted the National Coal Board's plans for open-pit min-

Amateur 'lawyer' proves hedges are forever His edge is sheer determination. He spends bours wading through old documents until be finds what be needs to win. Several of his cases bave involved encroachments on bistoric paths and other public rights of way. In 1987, for instance, he successfully took up the case of two men who had been trying since 1949 to get a

public pathway re-opened. "To win this case for them and watch them walk the 3 kilometers aloog this woodland path gave me more pleasure than any other case before or since, Seymour said.

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MK Adisu Massala (Labor) said that he had received numerous complaints from Ethiopian immigrants serving in the IDF about racist remarks and mistreatment.

"The IDF bas not learned how to deal with phenomenon of the suicides of Ethiopian soldiers. The army must immediately draw the necessary conclusions, and reduce this phenomenon to the minimum," Massala said.

و معمول المعالم المعمولة المعالم المع "We are aware of the major effort being made by the IDF in this regard, but these recent suicides which unfortunately join a long list of other similar incidents, show that these efforts by the army are insufficient. These incidents must set off alarm bells in the IDF." Massala also called on the IDF to spend more time educating the Ethiopian immigrants about Israeli culture and army life prior to their induction, to strengthen them and make

them less sensitive. Besides banning the use of derogatory language about Ethiopians, Mula also suggested "training commanders to treat people like people, regardless of their race or color." He also suggested teaching all soldiers more about the behavioral codes in the Ethiopian community, and wondered why Belay's family had not received the results of the army's investigation of his death.

Organization officials warned continued discrimination against Ethiopian soldiers would reduce their motivation to serve in the IDF, which is currently very high.

At a press conference yesterday, Deputy OC Manpower Brig.-Gen. On Regonis said that, "In most of the cases of suicides by soldiers of Ethiopian origin, there is no direct connection to [the soidier's] military service. In many cases they were a result of weakness, or personal crises, or of the settling of personal accounts."

As an example of the last, Regonis recalled an incident last year in which an Ethiopian man, during his reserve service, murdered his wife and then killed himself.

Regonis pointed out, however, that the army carefully investigates each incident. He would not relate to Tamene's suicide, saying that not all the details are known.

Since 1993, 10 soldiers of Ethiopian origin have committed

Captain Mekonan Gathon, an IAF officer of Ethiopian origin, told the reporters that the IDF, with the help of regular and reserve officers, does its best to counsel Ethiopian youths before they are inducted and throughout their service.

He stressed, however, that the Ethiopian community does oot want special treatment or to be treated as if they have unusual

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will the US decide oo its steps on how to contribute to the process, and on the timing of Albright's visit to Israel, the official said. He is expected to return to the US by the weekend.

The official denied the existence of differences between the US and Israel on the "green light," as reported in the Israeli press. He explained that Israeli intelligence and military authorities clearly said there is no clear evidence of Arafat's giving a green light; but that the terrorist organizations understood they had received one. There is no difference between this assessment and the US's, he stressed.

He pointed out that Clinton had immediately condemned the terrorist attack and urged Arafat to make it unequivocally clear that be opposes terrorism and is committed to fight against it. The official denied that the president had said, in Helsinki, that Arafat was not responsible for the attack. He also noted that the State

Department had issued a strong statement on Arafat's obligation to take decisive steps against terrorism, adding that although Albright bad gotten things mixed up a bit in a statement to CBS, she corrected herself within two hours, a fact that was not reported here.

A US official in Washington said Ross's talks with Netanyahn are meant to "explore with him what steps are possible, his thoughts on where things are."

Prior to last week's Tel Aviv bombing, the US had stated that it was looking to Arafat to act against terrorism, as well as to Netanyahu to rebuild the Palestinians' confidence in the peace process, including working to open a safe passage between the West Bank and Gaza, and the inauguratioo of Palestinian air and sea ports.

But the Washington official

alone, stating that even if Netanyahu were to take certain steps, they should not be interpreted by Arafat as a reward for clamping down on terrorism, but as the logical next steps in the process.

"What is critical is a commitment by Arafat, and demonstrations in actions and in words, that he is moving on terrorism," be said. "It is critical there be an absolute and unequivocal message that terror and violence not be acceptable:"

After a week of working the phones, including a call Tuesday night from Albright to Arafat. Ross is being sent because the US "feels it's important to reinforce this message in as direct a fashion" as possible, the official said.

"We've tried to reinforce this message for a week. We are very concerned about what the consequences of another attack would be. It would be extraordinarily heaped expectations on Arafat dangerous for the process."

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in brief

Sharansky to meet with Samsung delegation

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky is scheduled to meet with the head of the 19-member Samsung Electronics' delegation, which is currently visiting Israel. The delegation has met with representatives from more than 120 leading companies, as well as start-up firms operating in the communications, multi-media and defense sectors. The delegates expect the visit will generate several joint ventures.

Samsung. South Korea's largest concern and the world's largest maker of computer memory chips, recorded sales of 584b, last year. The group, which consists of 28 companies, manufactures a wide range of goods, including televisions, computers and telecommunications products. Jennifer Friedlin

Suggestions for privatizing gas-station market

Gidon Vitkon, the former head of the Israel Lands Authority who was appointed by the Infrastructure Ministry to evaluate the gas-station market and suggest ways the industry could be opened to competition, yesterday submitted his recommendations to the ministry.

His suggestions include encouraging the Israel Lands Authority to market land for the establishment of gas stations, encouraging the Public Works Department to reduce the restrictions it imposes on establishing roadside filling stations and integrating the IDF into the process of building more stations. The ministry expects to make a decision within the next few

weeks regarding future privatization measures. Jennifer Friedlin

Sale of shares in School for Tourism approved

The cabinet's privatization comminee yesterday decided to approve the sale of shares in the School for Tourism. The pubticly-owned school provides courses and certification for tour guides and travel agencies.

Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi are among the officials who serve on the committee. Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav supported the decision.

World Bank approves \$89m. loan for Algeria

The World Bank has approved an \$89 million loan for Algerian social projects to provide employment through laborintensive natural resource management, the official Algerian

APS news agency said yesterday.

The projects will target an estimated 69,000 rural jobless in four northwest provinces, the agency said. The loan is repayable over 17 years, including a five-year grace period, with interest charged thereafter at the World Bank's standard variable interest rate, it added. Algeria's unemployment is estimated at 28 per-



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Raff, Maor ask Leumi's share committee to reconsider bonuses

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Bank Leumi chairman Eitan Raff and general manger Galia Maor have asked the bank's share committee to reconsider the NIS 600,000 bonuses promised them for their part in the Africa-Israel spin off.

In reaction to the public outcry the last few days concerning the large bonuses, Raff and Maor yesterday sent a letter to Eli Natan, chairman of the sbare committee that manages the bank, asking him to reconsider the bonuses.

It is not clear whether Maor and Raff are interested in receiving lower bonuses or have agreed to forfeit them.

In their letter, Raff and Maor. Eitan Raff thanked the share committee's show of appreciation for their efforts in selling Bank Leumi's non-financial boldings within a



However, they said, recent customers. events have made it necessary to



Galia Maor

"In light of the atmosphere

decision to allocate the bonuses. benefit of the bank workers and

responsibility to workers and customers, and even though we think we did our best to make a successful sale [of Africa Israel] which yielded NIS 1.3b. in revenues, including NIS 660m. in gross profits which will be transferred in its entirety to the sharebolders, we want you to reconsider the issue [of the bonuses]," they said.

Earlier this week, MKs representing e broad political spec-trum called on Raff and Maor to refuse to accept the bonuses, while Foreign Minister David Levy said he will request in the next cabinet meeting that legis-lation be drafted to forbid public concerns from granting large bonuses to their senior officials.

In reaction, Bank Leumi justified the bigb bonuses, emphasizthet due to Raff's and

and since this may burt the image of the bank, and out of period of time, bringing in revenues to the government as well as high tax returns and new foreign money into the economy.

The sale of Africa Israel was completed in two parts. The first involved the spin-off of Migdal, the insurance arm, which was sold to the Italian Generali company, and the second stage which involved the sale of Africa Israel, excluding the insurance business, to diamond merchant Lev Leviev.

Raff is scheduled to appear this afternoon before the Knesset Finance Committee to answer questions on the Migdal sale. More than 50 Israeli families are raising objections to the sale to Generali, alleging the company bas yet to pay out on valid life insurance and other policies of Holocaust victims.

Government to sign breakthrough procurement agreements with EU

Brussels: Trade gap with Israel should be narrowed

By DAVID HARRIS

The European Union and Israel will sign two key procurement agreements within the next few weeks, according to staff at the EU delegation office in Tel Aviv.

The public procurement and telecommunications agreements will belp reduce Israel's trade gap with Europe, which the EU's representatives said is an important step forward. The trade deficit with the EU totalled \$6.7 billion last year, 72% of Israel's overall deficit, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics announced.

Israel will be the only world signatory of such a telecommunications agreement with Europe, and the sole nation in the Mediterranean to sign a procurement deal.

"We are well aware of the trade gap and Michael Ryan told The Jerusalem Post yester- ized.

day. "We need to explain our markets more; Israeli businesspeople bave yet to grasp the opportunities available. There really is great

In a recent meeting, Finance Minister Dan Meridor admitted that he and his staff have to make a greater effort to explain the opportunities available in Europe to domestic industrial-

The belief in Europe is that the EU is the most liberal market in the world, given the individual interests each of the member states. There is increasing concern in the Treasury about local bidders' alleged ongoing failure to

win government tenders offered by EU coun-The UK-based Economist Advisory Group

Ltd. (EAG) is currently compiling a report for the ministry examining bow Israel's full want to reduce it," EU Tel Aviv counselor exporting potential to the EU can best be realIsrael maintains there exists a proliferation of non-tariff barriers (NTBs), which obstruct

its exports to Europe.

The agreements will give strength to EUIsraeli trade over and above the Government Procurement Agreement of the World Trade Organization, allowing Israeli access to Europe's annual procurement market of \$600b, to \$800b, and a \$25b, telecommunica-

tions sector. According the the main procurement agreement, Israel will be able to compete for national and local government and public enterprise

agency tenders. In return, rules regarding offset provisions, local content and threshold limits governing Israeli state tenders under the GPA will be

relaxed for EU suppliers. These agreements will follow the Agreement on Scientific and Technical Cooperation implemented last August.

deduction of \$6.3m. At the start of

the year, Zim general manager

Matty Morgenstem was forced to

submit his resignation due to the

company's deteriorating situation.

Shortly afterwards, Israel Corp.

announced plans to implement

major structural and managerial

Poalim Investments, controlled

by the Dovrat-Shrem group, report-

ed a 38% rise in net profit last year to

NIS 38.51m. from NIS 27.89m.

Fourth quarter net earnings increased 84.9% to NIS 13.5m. from

The higher earnings reflects an

improvement in most of the holding

company's subsidiaries and increase

in earnings from the sale of invest-

Castro, the fashion wear chain.

announced a slight drop in net profit to NIS 7.27m. from NIS 7.29m. in

1995. Sales grew to NIS 131.94m. from NIS 112.24m.

Osem Industries completed the

year with a rise in net income to NIS 74.9m. from NIS 74.5m. Sales went

up 7% to NIS 1.31b. from 1.22b.

changes in the company.

NIS 7.3m.

PM: **Computer** will make gov't 'more accessible'

By JUDY SIEGEL

A ministerial committee for "accessible government" will be established to prepare ministries for providing a wealth of information to the citizen via bis computer at home or at work or over special information kiosks in post offices and other locations, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said.

A special unit in the Prime Minister's Office will also be set up. to coordinate all government activities relating to computerization.

The premier heralded the beginning of the information superhighway in government - which lags behind the private sector" - at the opening of the Israel Association for Information Technology's 31st annual convention at Jerusalem's International Convention Center on

Addressing leaders of the comindustries, he said today's bureaucracy is "anachronistic" and would be streamlined thanks to on-line services, including databases and the ability to fill out forms and declarations without coming to offices.

Netanyahu said his government would give high priority to science, technology and computers. When be beard on the radio that full computerization of the schools would be delayed by five years, he said he called the education minister to assure him that funding of computers for this purpose would not be

Israel was at a disadvantage when industry required natural resources. size and scale economics. But it has an unbeatable advantage in the information era, when intelligence, initiative, talent and problem-solving are required, he said. The prime minister said he feared

gaps between lower and higher socio-economic groups could grow on the basis of whether they had access to and understood computers. Unless these gaps were closed, they would endanger social stabili-

In addition, cooperation on joint projects in high-tech fields among Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians could benefit everyone in the region, Netanyahu said.

COMPANY RESULTS

Annual earnings fall 68% at Clal Industries

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Clal Industries, Clal Israel's industrial arm, announced a 68 percent plunge in net earnings last year to NIS 78.7 million from NIS 246.3m.

in 1995. Fourth quarter net losses totaled NIS 14.7m., compared with a net profit of NIS 43m. in the same period last year.

The lower earnings were blamed mainly on the increase in losses of subsidiaries Scitex, Sunfrost, Magam and Clalcom, as well as Kitan's move from a profit to a loss.

The profits include capital gains of NIS 86.9m. and one-time expenses of NIS 124.1m. resulting from Sunfrost, Scitex, Pharmaceutical Resources, Zion Cables and Kitan.

The earnings were also hindered by research and development costs of companies at the start-up stage, which reduced earnings by NIS 22m., compared with NIS 11m.



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Koor earnings up 8.4% last year

The group's total accumulated sales increased to NIS 12.08 billion from NIS 11.24b. Local market sales increased to NIS 7.3b. from NIS

Koor Industries, one of the largest industrial concerns in the country, announced an 8.4% increase in net income to NIS 587.9m. from NIS 542.1m. in 1995. The results include a capital gain

of \$21m, representing Koor's share of the initial public offering of Tadiran Telecommunications. The fourth quarter results were less impressive. Net income increased 2.8% to NIS 80m. from

NIS 78m Revenues for the year rose to NIS 11.5b. from NIS 11.3b. Revenues for the fourth quarter decreased to NIS

2.74b. from NIS 2.77b. Exports rose 4.4% to NIS 4.03b. The subsidiaries which contributed most significantly to exports were Makhteshim-Agan, recording an increase in exports of 24.4%, and Tadiran, especially through Tadiran

Telecommunications, its subsidiary.

In the fourth quarter, operating income fell to NIS 135m. from NIS 160m. Koor's core businesses - telecommunications' and electronics, agrochemicals, and building and infra-

structure materials - contributed

Operating income went up to NIS

979.8m. from NIS 971.6m. last year.

77% of consolidated revenues and 89% of operating income, according to the company. We plan to expand our existing activities in these areas by acquiring new holdings in industrial and marketing enterprises, both in Israel and abroad," said Benjamin Gaon, president and CEO of the company. "Our

aim is for international activities to

account for 40% of sales in 1997 and

50% by the year 2000." Israel Navigation Company, a subsidiary of Israel Corp. reported e net loss of \$15.9m. last year, compared with a net profit of \$14.8m. in 1995.

The company blamed the decline on the worldwide crisis in the shipping field and e deferred income tax

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Investors scared off by political tension

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By JESSICA STEINBERG and ROBERT DANIEL

Stocks fell yesterday amid Key Representative Rates

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C D INVESTMENTS investor concern at continuing tensions with the Palestioians about the building of Har Homa. Leading shares down were Koor

Industries Ltd., Tadiran Ltd. and Clai Electronics Industries Ltd. Offsetting them were rises in Bezeq, Ormat Industries Ltd. and Elite Industries Ltd.

The recent headlines describing Palestinian rioting in the West Bank and a terrorist bombing in Tel Aviv are deterring investors from investing beavily in the mar-ket, said Eli Nahum, co-managing director of Zannex Securities io Ramat Gan. "I wouldn't expect the market to get back to yalue until

the sky clears in terms of the political situation. People who believe that you can buy cheaply in Israel are waiting for the political issues to be clarified, and that prevents the market from going up. The Mishtanim Index of 100

issues fell 0.49 percent to 242.74 and the Maof Index of 25 top stocks slipped 0.65% to 250.84.
Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 70.4 million of shares traded. That's 26% below the month's daily average of NIS 94.8m. and 51% less than the year's average of NIS 143m. Five shares fell for every four that rose.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

European bourses rise

LONDON (Reuter) - European stock markets held on to most of their gains esterday, but lost a linle of their shine as economists freited at the possibility of a further tightening of American monetary

Speculation that the Federal Reserve could come back with another rate rise in May to head off inflationary pressures and record US durable goods orders for February lent the dollar sup-

The dollar-boosting durable goods figures followed Tuesday's decision of the US Federal Reserve's policy-making open market committee to increase rates by a quarter of a percentage point.
US Treasury bonds fell follow-

ing the data, which also weighed down early share trading on Wall Street. By the time European markets closed the Dow was still a few points adrift but moved back into the black shortly after.

. Traders zeroed in on Fed commeots accompanying Tuesday's rate rise that hinted at a further monetary tightening at the May

meeting of the Federal Open

(Bloomberg)

Market Committee (FOMC). Despite that, European equity markets reacted with relief that Tuesday's pre-emptive strike against inflation was out of the

The region's biggest bourses -London, Paris and Frankfurt retreated from sharp gains in the morning but still ended the day with good progress. German shares made the most

progress, the 30-share DAX index jumping more than two percent by the close of floor trade as bank shares came back into vogue.

In London, the blue chip FTSE 100 index reclaimed the 4,300 point level after snapping a six-day losing streak on Tuesday. The benchmark index added 30.8 points to 4,301.5 but closed well off its highs.

Dealers and analysts said they expected investors to focus more on domestic factors now the Fed tightening was out of the way. French stocks finished higher

but a few points off its best of the day after the early drop on Wall Street and US data.

WALL STREET REPORT

Stocks end higher

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The stock market closed modestly higher yesterday on the back of a swift recovery io battered technology stocks, but bank shares were dragged lower one day after the Federal Reserve raised interest rates for the first time in more than

Based on early and ocofficial data, the Dow Jooes industrial average closed up 4.53 poiots at 6,880.70, while the technologylaced Nasdaq Composite index jumped 21.00 points to 1,269.06.

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Holon, Hap. TA win crucial basement battles

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Hapoel Holon and Hapoel Tel Aviv. two teams with years of tradition at the top of Israeli basketball. may be mired in its depths right now, but last night both clubs played like in days of old, scoring important wins to help stave off rel-

Holon's 75-65 triumph over Bnei Herzliya and Hapoel Tel Aviv's sensational 79-76 victory over Maccabi Ramat Gan brought back memories of both teams' glory days, and sent their rivals closer to the brink of relegation to the Second Division.

Meanwhile, Maccabi Ra'anana moved another step closer to a spot in the Final Four with a convincing 83-67 triumph over Maccabi Rishon Lezion, and Hapoel Galil Elyon continued its own march to the Final Four with a 79-62 road thrashing of Givat Shmuel.

Holon 75, Herzliya 65 Smooth foul-shooting down the stretch and the all-around play of Derrick Hamilton (31 points) were the key for Holon and The Wizard,

coach Ralph Klein. Klein, in just his third game as Holon coach, earned his second victory as his team roared back from a 35-26 first-half deficit Milton Wagner's stuff of Terrence Stansbury was a key play in the second half, sending Holon on a 12-2 burst that sent once-proud Herzliya to a computer to try to determine just how it can still stave off relega-

Only Todd Mitchell (30 points) was on target for Herzliya, while Yisrael Elimelech and the rest of the Holon squad showed poise down the stretch, setting off a tremendous celebration in Holon,

Hap, TA 79, Mac. RG 76

Hapoel Tel Aviv fans may still be pinching themselves this morning to see whether their club really achieved their amazing victory last night at Ussishkin. But thanks to clutch last-minute defense by Gil Mosensohn and foul shots by Kenny Redfield, Hapoel Tel Aviv did the impossible.

It seemed like Tel Aviv's chances were slim when captain Dimitri Hill sprained an ankle and suffered back problems that allowed him to play only briefly, and practically not at all in the second half.

But Redfield and especially Kevin Bradshaw brought Tel Aviv from what looked like dead, when they trailed 74-69. Bradshaw, Ari Rosenberg. Redfield and Mosensohn refused to roll over,

however, and the gritty Tel Aviv club scored the last six points of the game, thanks largely to Mosensohn's stuff of Ramat Gan's Roy Fisher in the final minute, to improve their chances of remaining in the league.

Ramat Gan, on the other hand, suffered another serious blow to its chances, and now must hope to

keep pace with Herzliya. Ra'anana 83, Mac. Rishon 67 Ra'anana again played sound, fundamental ball, and demonstrated why they will likely earn a Final Four berth, one of the few times a newcomer to the league has made it to the Upper Playoffs.

Mark Brisker again led Ra'anana with 27 points, while Risbon's offense again sputtered, relying too much on outside shooting, which was spotty despite Doron Jamchi's trio of three-pointers in the second half that briefly brought Rishon back into the game. Galil Elyon 79, Givat Shmuel 62

Coach David Blatt's club may have been playing possum for the first half ofthe season, when they suffered several unnecessary defeats. In winning their third straight and second on the road, Hapoel Galil Elyon looked like tigers, and appear to be getting into great shape for the post-season.

Andrew Kennedy bad 14 of his 18 points early, and Alon Stein added 18 of his own as the northerners took a 45-29 halftime lead. Dennis Hopson was in foul trouble early for Givat Shmuel, but still scored 20 points, as did Gerald Paddio. However, Givat Shmuel had little to offer on offense besides their foreigners, and appear to have settled into a comfortable place safely above relegation, but far below the level they were playing at earlier this season

Tonight, league leaders Maccabi Tel Aviv come to the capital to face second place Hapoel Jerusalem. The game will be broadcast live on Sportschannel at 20:30

In the second game of the women's basketball finals, Elitzur Holon defeated Elitzur Ramle 74-70 in Holon to even the series between the two clubs at 1-1.

National Basketball League Maccabi Tel Aviv

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Thrashed fair and square

Ireland's David Lewis hits the ball through the offside as Israel wicketkeeper Paul Smith watches vigilantly and in vain yesterday. Lewis made 28 as the Irish scored the 89 needed for victory for the loss of no wickets in reply to Israel's 88 all out. The Israelis fared much better in their previous match where they batted out their full 50 overs scoring 154 for 8, but nevertheless losing to Kenya by seven wickets. The Israelis have three matches remaining in the ICC Trophy mini world cup tourament being played in the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur. They meet Singapore today, the US on Saturday and finish off with a match against Gibraltar on Sunday. The team members have been greeted by protests in predominantly Moslem Malaysia, whose government has welcomed the team despite having no formal relations with Israel.

Yugoslavs beat Israel youth team 3-2 Result gives Israelis good chance of qualification for European Championships

By DEREK FATTAL

Israel's youth team battled both biting cold and a fiercely partisan crowd of 8,000 European Youth Championship first-leg qualifier against Yugoslavia played in Loznica yesterday. The Israelis ended 3-2 losers in a passionate match full of incident against the highly-fancied Yugoslavs.

With away goals counting double, Ze'ev Zeltzer's talented bunch of with an acrobatic header.

chance of overcoming their oppopents in the return match that will be played in Holon on April 16th.

SPORTS

Victory on aggregate will take the Israeli team into the finals of the competition set to take place later this year in Iceland.

The Israelis opened strongly, and their agility and sheer sense of purpose surprised the Yugoslavs, paving the way for Alon Kaplan to find the net in just the fifth minute

youngsters now stand an excellent, The Israelis had two good chances

to increase their lead, before Yugoslavia's star player Marko Pantalic of Paris St. Germain managed restored some semblance of order among the hosts by leveling in

The Yugoslavs continued to press forward and despite some heroic defending by Guy Tsarfati and Amos Sassi, managed to take the lead in the 40th minute, when Pantalic skillfully lobbed the ball

swift riposte by way of an equalizer in injury time before the break. The pace of the game abated dur-

ing the second half, and the resulting loss of tempo tended to aid the home team's cause. A wise substitution by the Yugoslav coach paid off in the 75th minute when Garanic Arnol settled the match in the bosts' favor with a shot from 14 meters.

In other soccer news, Israel's national squad held two training sesinto goal. Israel's key player Yossi sions yesterday ahead of Monday's Benayoun was on hand to supply a World - Cup qualifier against

Luxembourg

Coach Shlomo Scharf was not impressed with the first team's performance in the evening's practice match against the Under-21s.

Haim Revivo arrived at the training camp yesterday evening, nurs-ing a light injury received in Celia-Vigo's 1-0 defeat in its Spanish Cap 1 st-leg encounter against Real Betis. Revivo indicated that the injury was not serious and would not effe chances of playing a leading against Luxembourg

Spurs beat the Cleveland

FA reject Middlesbrough points appeal LONDON (Reuter) — The premier league had imposed the penalty and fined model to the club £50. It after they called off their 20 away fixture at Blackbuirt because of may alability of players.

Spurs, Cavs combine for second-lowest scoring game SAN ANTONIO. Texas Johnson scored 10 points apiece during that time Cleveland could Michael Jordan scored 20 points fourth quarter, but Chicago went (Reuter) - Baskets were few and for the Spurs, who made just two manage only a pair of layups by each as the Bulls edged the on a 15-2 tear, sparked by far between as the San Antonio

NBA history on Tuesday. Since the inception of the sbot clock in 1954 only one game has featured fewer combined points and that was in 1955 - a 62-57 win by the Boston Celtics over the Milwaukee Hawks.

Cavaliers 64-59 in the second-

lowest scoring game in modern

Vernon Maxwell and Avery

field goals in the fourth quarter when San Antonio outscored Cleveland 11-10, eclipsing the record low of 23 combined

points, set four times. Tyrone Hill, who had two of Cleveland's three fourth-quarter buckets, led the Cavs with 16 points.

San Antonio went nearly eight minutes without scoring in the laughable fourth quarter. But

The Spurs shot 37 percent (25for-67) from the field, while Cleveland missed 55 shots, going 25-for-80 - the lowest shooting percentage (31%) ever allowed by the Spurs. "I don't cere if we score 23

points as long as the other team has 21." San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

In Chicago, Steve Kerr and

Dallas Mavericks 94-92.

Dennis Rodman grabbed 21 rebounds for the Bulls, who reached 60 wins. Chicago must go 10-3 in their last 13 games to reach 70 victories for the second successive season.

Michael Finley led Dallas. scoring 18 of his 28 points in the first half, which ended in a 52-52

Dallas led 78-71 enlering the

of Kerr three-pointers.

Rodman sprained a ligament in his left knee in the game and will. likely miss the rest of the regular NBA season, a Bulls' spokesman said yesterday.

Tuesday's games: Indiana 98, Toronto 84: Orlando 114. Sacramento 193; Atlanta 96. Portland 89; San Autonio 64, Cleveland 59; Houston 112, Minnesota 103; Chicago 94, Dallas 92; Phoenic 217. Milwaukee 112; L.A. Clippers 116, Vancouver 184, OT; Scattle 126, Golden State 89.

Europeans battle for Final Four showdown

LONDON (Reuter) - After the long slog of winter, club basketball in Europe gets serious

li's down to the last eight with some titanic action in store to decide who contends next month's Final Four championship. Olympiakos v Panathinaikos tops the bill

with all Greece agog at what might happen. The other clashes pitch Team System Bologna against Barcelona and Turkey's Efes Pilsen against Villeurbanne of France while Stefanel Milan of Italy take on Ljubljana of The second legs are next Tuesday with any

necessary deciders two days after that.

In basketball-crazed Greece 57,000 people are potentially set to see champions Panathinaikos in three possible games against old rivals Olympiakos. The form-book says Panathinaikos who

came through Eurol eague qualifying with

the best record of the lot (13-3) from 16

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games, while Olympiakos (9-7) suffered several surprising reverses. There was another setback for Olympiakos

when they lost in the first knock-out round at home to Partizan Belgrade two weeks ago and had to return to the Yugoslav capital to clinch the tie 2-1. By contrast, Panathinaikos booked their

quarter-final lace 2-0 after a highly impressive 70-55 win in France over former champions Limoges. As ever, security is a major concern and

7,000 police officers will be on duty for

games which many Greeks see as the true

European championship. Spanish fans beg to differ and trust that Barcelona (8-8), after disappointing on several occasions in the EuroLeague, have finally recovered the form which took them to last year's final against Panathinaikos which the Greeks won amid much drama and contro-

Barcelona's opponents on Thursday, Team System Bologna (12-4) are seeking their best international result.

"It's the mother of all matches. Getting through this round would be a historic result, said the Italian team's spokesman Fabrizio Pungetti.

"Its a very tricky match, we're playing against a great team but we're sure we can do well," said coach Valerio Bianchini.

Serbian playmaker Alexander Djordjevic, one of the Barcelona danger-men, is more familiar to the Bolognese than most opponents since he used to play for Team System. Stefanel Milan (11-5) should not underesti-

mate Liubljana (10-6) who edged into the last eight with a battling one-point victory over Cibona Zagreb. Stefanel go into their match with three straight defeats behind them - one in the Italian Cup semifinal to Cantu and two, one of

them at home, in the domestic championship.

"The most difficult period for the team is ending, we have fewer fixtures and we're getting our energy back," said coach Franco Marcelletti.

"We will have to be committed against a

team that maybe lacks great individual talents but that plays a very efficient and physical basketball. Efes Pilsen (12-4) performed well at the

qualifying stage and may just outlast Villeurbanne (12-4) in the other tie. The Turkish club will again look to their

Macedonian star and key playmaker, Petar Naumovski. Ice-cold under pressure, Naumovski has

been the driving force behind Efes' EuroLeague assault, topping the score sheet in nearly every match. Efes hope that the home advantage and a

Although weak in their back-court defence, fully-fit team will see them through to the Final Four, in Rome on April 22-24.

Roy posts 37th career shutout as Avalanche crack 100 points

HARTFORD, Conn. (Reuter) -Patrick Roy faced 46 shots and stopped them all as the Colorado Avalanche blanked the Hartford Whalers 4-0 Tuesday to become the first team in the National Hockey League to crack 100 points.

Peter Forsberg and Valeri Kamensky each notched goal number 23 as Colorado improved to 46-19-9 for a league-leading 101

Roy picked up his league-best 36th victory with his 37th career shutout. His seven shutouts this season tied him with Phoenix's Nikolai Khabibulin for the league lead. --Roy was especially sharp in the first period when he was tested 23, times, while the Avalanche scored

twice on just eight shots on goal. "They came out and played with a great deal of urgency," Colorado coach Marc Crwaford said of Hartford's first-period effort. The Whalers outshot Colorado 46-

28. but lost their sixth straight game:
Tuesday's games: Colorado 4, Hartford
0; Philadelphia 4, New Jersey 3;
Washington 3, St. Lonis 2; Tampa Bay 5,
Ottawa 0; Calgary 3, Anaheim 2.

FIFA widens Bosman transfer rules to cover non-Europeans power to demand huge transfer fees.

ZURICH (AP) - FIFA amended its rules yesterday to allow players of all nationalities to move on free transfers under the Bosman regulanons so long as they play in European Union nations.

That means stars such as Brazil's Ronaldo, George Weah of Liberia and Colombia's Faustino Asprilla come into line with players born in EU countries. Once they are out of contract, the clubs they move to no longer have to pay a transfer fee.

FIFA said in a statement that players of all nationalities within the EU now will be treated the same way. A compensation fee no longer be paid between clubs in EU countries if the relevant player's contract has expired, irrespective of the player's

nationality," FIFA said. The orginal rule came into existence 15 months ago after Belgian soccer player Jean-Marc Bosman successfully gained a court ruling against his club, FC Liege, that it should not receive a transfer fee because his contract had ended.

It was a ruling that caused maybem in transfer dealing in Europe where chibs had always had the

But it only applied to players born inthe 15 EU countries as well as the three affiliated nations Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein. Now it has been widened to cover

players who are not from EU coun-

Ronaldo has a long contract with Barcelona although there is speculation that it may be bought out, Asprilla has two more seasons to go with England's Newcastle and Weah's contract with AC Milan runs through June 1999 so they are a longway off from a Bosman-style trans-

But Nigerian star Nwankwo Kanu moved from Ajax Amsterdam to Inter Milan for a \$2 million transfer. fee last summer when he was out of contract. Under the amended rule. Ajax wouldn't have received a cent. A new ruling will not affect players moving to or from countries out-

side the EU bloc. Clubs within the EU who hire players from for example, Russian or Romanian clubs, will have to pay transfer fees even if they are out of COULTRACT

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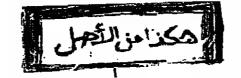
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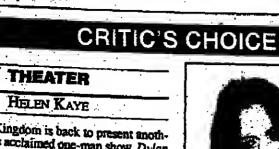
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Actor Bob Kingdom is back to present another round of his acclaimed one-man show, Dylan Thomas Return Journey, about the great Welsh poet's life and work, and also brings his newest piece, the acerbic Truman Capote Talk Show. Opens tonight with Dylan and on Saturday with Capote; both in the Rebecca Crown Hall of the Jerusalem Theater at 8 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

Maxim Shostakovich conducts the works of his father. Dmitri, in the current program of subscription concerts of the Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra. He conducts the Chamber Symphony Op. 110a, the second piano concerto (with soloist Revital Hachamov) and the third ballet suite composed by bis father, as well as Prokofiev's first symphony and Mussorgsky's Dawn on Moscow River. Saturday, Monday, and April 2, 3, 5 in Ra'anana

The Jerusalem Contemporary Players, under the baton of Pascal Rophe, perform works by Dailapicolla, Duspin and Berio, Saturday (9) at the Tel Aviv Museum and Sunday (7) at the Jerusalem Music Center.

The Haifa Symphony Orchestra presents a specially shortened version of Mozart's beloved The Magic Flute for children of all ages (Hebrew). Tomorrow (11 a.m.) and Monday (5) at the Haifa Auditorium and Sunday (4) at the North Theater in Kiryat Haim.

WORLD MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Indian musician Shankar brings his own brand of world music to concerts at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center (tomorrow at 10 p.m.) and Sanirday (9) at Jerusalem's Israel Museum.

JAZZ

HELEN KAYE

Eclectic jazz clarinetist Harold Rubin puts his own texts to music and videos in collaboration



Michael Zoratz joins Amos Lavie in the Family Channel's 'The Meter is Running.' (Youi Hamenachem

with singer Jenny Tamir, and a quartet on drums, guitar, trombone and bass. The show is called Blue Bag and it's at the Einav Cultural Center in Tel Aviv tonight at 9:30.

POP

HELEN KAYE

Welsh heartthrob singer Tom Jones will be making local hearts go pitty-pat with a medley of old favorites and new numbers from his latest release, which is mostly the sound track from Mars Attacks! On Saturday night at the Cinerama Tel Aviv at 9 p.m.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

The Meter Is Running (Family Channel 10:05) follows the adventures of a Tel Aviv taxi driver, played by Amos Lavie. In this seasoo of eight episodes, Lavie meets an old army buddy who then gets murdered. When the police give up on the investigation, our hero decides to to look into the mystery himself. His familiarity with the southern Tel Aviv uoderworld lands him into all sorts of trouble.



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11:00 European Squawk Box -- stocks 12:00 European Money Wheel 16:30 CNBC Squawk Box (US) 18:00 Art and Practice of Gardening 18:30 Interiors by

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12:30 Modern Pentathlon, World Cup, Australia and Mexico 14:00 Soccer: World Cup Legends 15:00 Cross-country Sking, Norway 15:30 Snowboard:

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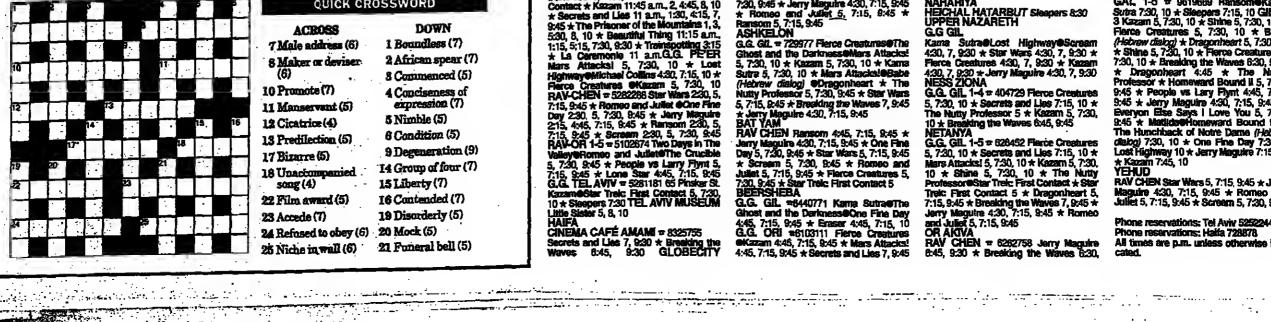
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Earthquakes rock Israel, Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

Two earthquakes rocked the northern and central parts of the country yesterday, as well as parts of

There were no casualties in Israel and no serious damage was reported, although the tremors were felt from the northern border to south of Tel Aviv and as far inland as Jerusalem.

There were some reports of damage in Lebanon, where the two quakes were felt much more violently. The first tremor shook the region shortly before 7:30 a.m. and prompted a flood of calls to police and errer-

gency services, as well as the offices of the Seismological Division of the National Infrastructure Ministry's Geophysical Institute. Residents from Nahariya to the Galilee Panhandle reported the quake had shaken huildings and rattled

"My bed shook, the TV in front of the bed shook. At first, I didn't know what it was and then I realized it was an earthquake - that's when I really woke up," Shlonu Cohen, of Petah Tikva, told Army Radio.

A UN officer serving in Lebanon said: "Buildings were shaken in Tyre and especially in Beirut, where there were reports of property damage. Lamps were swinging and objects fell from tables and bookshelves.

It was quite strong."

Debris which fell from some huildings damaged cars parked on the streets of Beirut, a city of 1.2 million people. About 50 structures sustained minor damage in the suburbs of the Lebanese capital, police said.

Parents in their pajamas grabbed their children and rushed from apartment buildings into the streets. Some families in Beirut spent the morning in their cars for fear of going back to their homes. Others headed east to mountain regions away from coastal areas in anticipation of aftershocks.

"I was awakened hy the shaking of my bed and the noise of breaking glass," said 45-year-old housewife Majida Hajj in a southern Beirut suburb.

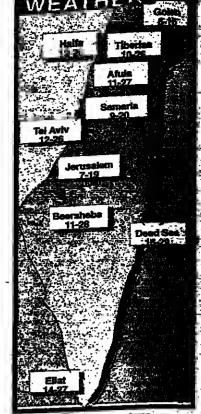
Carmen Barake, another housewife at Mansourieh, a hilltop suburb east of Beirut, said: "The building danced and swayed with us." She said objects in her fifth-floor apartment were tossed off shelves and tables

"like ping pong balls."

Dr. Rami Hofstetter, of the Seismological Division, said the first quake was centered off the coast of Tripoli, and measured 5.6 on the Richter scale. "It was a moderate earthquake, not a major one,

which happens from time to time in this region, so it was not a big surprise."

The second tremor, a strong aftershock, occurred around 4:30 p.m. It was centered closer to Beirut and measured 5 on the Richter scale. It lasted for several minutes and was also felt as far south as the center of the country, again without causing mjury or damage. Hofstetter noted that Israel is part of an area that is susceptible to earthquakes, being near the Syria-



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AROUND THE WORLD

PM to ministers: Your jobs are safe Meridor said, "If a national unity government were a viable option.

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guidelines."

Prime Minister Binyamin Labor's entry into the coalition.

But a meeting with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai had to be postponed and will probably only take place tomorrow, due to the crowded schedules of both Netanyahn and Mordechai, who is reported to have taken the greatest umbrage by the suggestion he may

According to a report in Yediot Aharonot Tuesday, Netanyahu and already bave agreed that Mordechai's portfolio would go to Labor's Ehud Barak.

Both Netanyahu and Peres have categorically denied agreeing to the establishment of a national unity government and that they already had mapped out the port-

However, Peres expressed readiness yesterday to form a new government if the current coalition falls over its failure to revive the peace process with

"If there is to be a new coalition with new guiding lights, I would do my best to support it and perhaps be a part of it," Peres said in a speech at a forum of 120 global business executives in

did not entirely still the political rumor mill, a fact which forced Netanyahu to make the rounds of the ministers mentioned as likely

Netanyahu yesterday strove to allay the anxieties of Finance Minister Dan Meridor, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi.

then my portfolio would oot be the obstacle which would prevent its

Livnat said, "The chances that

such a broad coalition with Labor

would ever become a reality are

quite low. Rather than speculate

about portfolios, the questions which should be asked are what

the basis for creating such a gov-ernment is, especially if we can

reach common ground on policy

Matza said Netanyahu had told

him in their meeting that the talk

about "the national unity govern-

ment being in the works is gibber-

ish. No such decision had been

Netanyahu had to sooth a oumber of ministers' anxieties yesterday, in an effort to refute a press report that they are about to lose their portfolios in order to facilitate

lose his job.

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres

folio redistribution.

The finance portfolio reportedly is to go to Peres. .

taken and he said I can continue in my office without any worry." Leah Rabin: Yitzhak

The late Yitzhak Rabin definitely saw Labor Party leadership-candidate MK Ehud Barak as his successor, Leah Rabin said yesterday, in remarks that angered the other leadership candidates.

saw Barak as successor

Speaking on Israel Radio, Rabin insisted her late husband "saw Ehud Barak as his successor. If for any reason he bad been mable to continue io office, he would have seen Barak as his political heir. He saw him as a very promising person, and now that he is no longer here, I hope that Barak will lead Labor to victory in the next elections." She added she would do all she can to insure Barak's victory in the party leadership race.

Barak, not surprisingly, was pleased. I see myself as Kithing successor in every aspect, he said. I appreciate and resident Leah, who was the closest person to Yitzhak and ought to know. better than all others what his opinions were."

But MK Yossi Beilin, also running for Labor's top slot, reminded Barak yesterday just "how furious Rabin was with him, when Barak - contrary to the Rabin line - voted against Oslo 2. Rabin had the harshest of words for Barak then and what he said hardly: supports the version we now hear from Leah Rabin.

'As a citizen, she is of course entitled to her opinion, but Yitzhak Rabin's words can be interpreted otherwise."

Another contestant for the Labor leadership, MK Ephrann-Snch, said that he "was always a follower of Yitzhak Rabin and Rabin considered me a person who carries out his policies and follows in his footsteps. I seriously doubt if anyone today canspeak in his name or on his behalf."

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres waves as he leaves Bangkok's Government House yesterday. Peres told an economic conference that Jewish settlements in the territories are an obstacle to the peace process. Plan for non-Orthodox religious councils defeated

By LIAT COLLINS

A bill proposing the establishment of separate religious councils to serve the non-Orthodox was defeated yesterday in a preliminary reading by a vote of 34 to 12.

The bill, submitted by MK Avi Yehczkel (Labor) was intended to complement another hill of his that passed a preliminary reading two months ago, which would allow only Orthodox

Jews to sit on the current religious councils. The idea behind the two bills was to allow Jewish residents to choose which council best suits their religious needs. "The Orthodox and the Reform do not agree with one another and there is no point in trying to force the Orthodox to come to terms with the Reform stream [on the same council]," Yehezkel said.

He said the bills were an attempt to preserve the principles of equality and religious free-

dom, while oot harming anybody's rights.

When his earlier bill passed preliminary reading, Yehezkel suffered a barrage of criticism from his party colleagues. "But not one of them proposed a real solution to the problems of the different streams of Judaism," Yehezkel said.

Netanyahu scolds MKs on vote failures By LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu called representatives of the coalition into his Knesset office vesterday to scold them after they lost a series of plenum votes on the preliminary reading of bills the government opposes. Coalition chairman Michael Eitan, who usually acts as the whip in charge of mustering MKs to vote, was

MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud) took exception to the parliamentary equivalent of being called into the

principal's office, saying: "It's like rabbi shouting at his community: 'Why is there never a minyan here?' And they tell him: 'Why are you shouting at us? Shout at the

Among the hills which passed preliminary reading despite lack of government support were:

ones who aren't here."

 An amendment to the security forces hill, which would allow a soldier demobilized because of poor health to continue to receive free medical treatment. The hill, presented by MK Ori Orr (Labor). was passed by 31 votes.

• A bill proposed by MK Anat Maor (Meretz) and MK Tamar Gozansky (Labor) which would give national insurance benefits for women unable to work during

pregnancy passed by 31 votes.

• A bill increasing pensions for employees who have worked at least 10 years in the public sector and are above the age of 40.

· An amendment to the Bezek Law on billing phone calls according to the exact length of time, proposed by Silvan Shalom (Likud), which passed by 21 votes. Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan voted against.

· A coalition bill concerning the rights of terminally ill Chemobyl. victims, proposed by coalition MKs Michael Nudelman and Yuri Stem (both Yisrael Ba'aliya), was defeated, but the same bill presented by two Labor MKs - Sofia

Landver and Yossi Katz - passed. Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen, clearly pleased with events in the plenum said: "With a coalition like this, who needs an opposition?"

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Labor, Meretz file no-confidence motions over security situation

By LIAT COLLINS

Both Labor and Meretz have filed motions of no-confidence in the prime minister over the security situation following last week's Tel Aviv cafe bombing. The motions are expected to come up in the plenum on Monday.

Meretz faction chairman Haim Oron explained the motion saying: The government of a country whose citizens are scared to go out and can't sit in cafes has no right to exist." Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen stressed the deterioration in relations between the government and the Palestinian Authority, which he said have reached "crisis point" because of the government's malfunctioning.

He said the prime minister is causing the international isolation of Israel while strengthening PA Chairman Yasser Arafat in the eyes of the world.

The Tel Aviv bombing was discussed in the Knesset plenum yes-

agenda on the subject.

Moledet leader Rehavam Ze evi made a motion calling for Tzurif, the suicide bomber's village, to be destroyed in response to the fatal attack in Tel Aviv.

He also called on the government to end the cooperation with the Palestinian security forces and for an "all-out war on terror and the mtifada." He said Rachel's Tomh should be annexed to Jerusalem to ensure the safety of

the Jews who visit it. MK Ori Orr (Labor) attacked the prime minister for what he said was revealing intelligence information for political purposes in open meetings with the press. He called for greater cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian security forces to prevent terror

MK Moshe Gafini (United Torah Judaism) has complained of Shabbat desecration by the Tel Aviv Municipality in the renovations works to the bombed cafe. terday. No minister was present to The renovations could have waitrespond to the 10 motions to the ed another day, he said.

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